

471st Meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council

COUNCIL MEETING

To the Chairperson and Members of the Council

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Cr Steve Lowndes (Deputy Chair)
Cr David Caygill
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Date: Thursday 8 June 2017

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber

200 Tuam Street

Christchurch

Bill Bayfield
Chief Executive

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CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL

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5. Matters For Council Decision

5.1. 2017/18 Annual Plan

Council Report	 Environment Canterbury Regional Council <i>Kaunihera Taiao ki Waitaha</i>
Date of Meeting	8 June 2018
Portfolio	Regional Leadership
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Key points

- 74 written responses were received
- 18 people were heard; 15 in Christchurch, 3 in Timaru / Waimate
- The total rate increase, including the recommended changes in this report, will be 3.5%

General themes arising

- Return to full democracy
- Better management of our water resource – quality and quantity
- Increased focus and funding for compliance and resource management work
- Protection of Natural habitats
- Strategic and long term approach to public transport.

Purpose

1. To provide Council with an overview of the written & verbal feedback received regarding the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan and confirm the changes that staff are to make to the draft.
2. There will be a Council meeting on 29 June to formally adopt the 2017/18 Annual Plan documents and the associated rating resolutions.

Value proposition

3. The Annual Plan represents the contract that Environment Canterbury has with the community. Feedback on the proposed changes to this, the third year of the current Long-Term Plan 2015-25, will inform the Council of the community needs and potentially change the organisation's priorities.

Recommendations

Given this is an informal engagement process and noting the timeframes we are working to, staff have looked at the feedback received including presentations made in person and recommend as follows noting that other commentary relating to the feedback received is below.

That the Council:

1. **Approve a total rate increase of 3.5% to fund the 2017/18 Annual Plan.**
2. **Supports the carry forwards indicated in the financial implications section of this paper.**

Background

4. The Council is required to adopt the 2017/18 Annual Plan at their 29 June 2017 Council meeting.
5. The 2017/18 financial year is the third year of the current 2015-25 Long-Term Plan (LTP).
6. The activity and expenditure for 2017/18 is outlined in the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.
7. Although we were not proposing significant changes to the activities already agreed with the community through the LTP, we sought feedback to our draft 2017/18 Annual Plan to help inform Council decision making.
8. The draft 2017/18 Annual Plan requires a total rates revenue increase of 3.5% compared to 2016/17. This is a reduction of 2.8% from that originally estimated for year three of the current LTP.
9. We also used the Annual Plan engagement process to seek feedback from the community to inform the thinking for the development of the 2018-28 LTP.
10. Community feedback on the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan closed on Friday 21 April 2017. An overview of the key themes of the feedback is included in this paper.
11. A summary of the verbal feedback received has also been incorporated into this existing written feedback summary (marked red).
12. Officers' evaluation are included for each response, with any financial implications noted.

Feedback received

13. A total of 74 responses were received - including feedback from the River Liaison Groups through Environment Canterbury's River Engineers regarding river and drainage rating districts. In the main the feedback focused on the nine key areas specifically canvassed in the feedback documentation. This includes:

- Regional Leadership (30)
- Water Management (58)
- Natural Habitats (34)
- Public Transport (36)
- Cleaner Air (20)
- Reaching Compliance (31)
- Keeping us Safe (20)
- Rates (25)
- LTP comments (36)

In addition, feedback included references to the cost of farmers delivering direct environmental benefit, and Environment Canterbury advertising.

Regional Leadership (Regional Leadership Portfolio)

16. Thirty of the responses received referenced Regional Leadership. Some comments made were general and did not specifically relate to the topic of Regional Leadership, but align more with our Tuia work programme.
17. The key areas include a request for a return to full democracy, greater engagement with communities, and support for community groups and processes throughout the region.
18. No change to the draft Annual Plan is proposed for this portfolio.

Water Management (CWMS Portfolio)

19. Fifty eight of the responses referenced Water. In general these were critical of the management of water quality and quantity with requests for greater restrictions and compliance around consent conditions. Overwhelmingly, submissions included calls for greater restriction on irrigation and dairy conversions.

20. There was a strong focus on ensuring water quality and quantity is restored for future generations.
21. Requests were included for a greater research budget to be included providing a better understanding of the water resource.
22. Several submitters objected to the proposal to change a target for Zone Committee reporting on 'improved water quality to reporting on 'water quality initiatives'. Submitters felt the change made the target too general.
23. There is a request for \$55,000 to be provided for the scoping study gap analysis of freshwater recreation and amenity values as per response #71 from North Canterbury Fish and Game. This study can be accommodated within existing budget.

Natural Habitats (Biodiversity and Biosecurity Portfolio)

24. Thirty four responses focused on Natural Habitats. Most supported an increased commitment to supporting biodiversity and natural habitats. It is recognised that this is a priority and the recommendation is that this commitment be considered as part of the Biodiversity strategy and the LTP.
25. The Huttons Shearwater Charitable Trust have requested \$50,000 to support the two remaining colonies of Huttons Shearwater, which were significantly impacted by the North Canterbury earthquake. 20% of burrows were destroyed in the earthquake with 1% chick survival rate. Increased resource is sought to ensure their ongoing survival. Specific species in the Department of Conservation (DOC) estate should be left to the management and funding of DOC. For any habitat related support the Trust should put their requests through the existing Immediate Steps funding process.
26. The Banks Peninsula Goat Working Group requested the rollover of similar funding from the 2016/17 year (\$10,000) being allocated to the eradication of goats on Banks Peninsula for the 2017/18 year. Staff advise that this funding has been included within the 2017/18 Annual Plan.

Public Transport

27. Thirty six responses related to Public Transport (PT) in the region. Most submitters supported a commitment to Public Transport but many felt the existing services were not adequate. There were several complaints about bus schedules and timetables and calls for increased investment in PT, although this was balanced out by submitters who wanted a decrease.
28. There were several submissions calling for a more strategic and long-term approach to PT including an investigation into, and investment in, rail within the Greater Christchurch area.
29. Included in the 2017/18 Annual Plan are the Tag on Tag off project \$780,000 capital expenditure, National Ticketing project \$1,695,000 operating cost and the Real Time

project \$2,500,000 capital expenditure. NZTA supports these projects with a 51% funding contribution.

30. The only changes to the public transport portfolio from the draft Annual Plan are financial matters including addition of inflation on bus contracts and amendments to revenue assumption.

Cleaner Air (Air Portfolio)

31. Twenty submissions were received regarding Cleaner Air. The feedback covered a wide range of issues including rural burning, availability of low emission burners, dust on rural unsealed roads, extension of restrictions, and air quality testing to cover vehicle emissions.
32. We received several responses on quarry operations, with respondents calling for more stringent monitoring of consent conditions for quarries, excavation and quarrying to meet best practice standards, and quarrying operations to be more than 500 metres from the nearest dwelling.
33. No change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan is proposed for this portfolio. However, it is noted that the majority of the comments received for this portfolio are already addressed through our existing strategy and associated work programme.

Reaching Compliance (Planning Consents and Compliance Portfolio)

34. Thirty one responses focused on increasing our focus on compliance and resource management work. There was an overwhelming view that a stronger compliance and enforcement stance needs to be adopted by Environment Canterbury and that budgets and resourcing in this area were insufficient and should be increased to meet consent compliance requirements as well as enforcement. Staff are recommending that 3 additional full time equivalent positions be added to the budget to address these concerns.

Keeping us Safe (Hazards Portfolio)

36. Twenty responses related to Keeping us Safe. Key areas covered included effective management of flood mitigation work post-earthquake in North Canterbury and greater Christchurch to ensure ongoing safety.
37. A request for dams to be in ground in relation to the Waimakariri Irrigation consent.
38. Excavation and quarrying to meet best practice standards and quarries to be more than 500 metres from a dwelling (see also Cleaner Air above).
39. Reference was also made to the swing mooring clauses of the Navigation Safety Bylaw.

40. Staff have advised that they can support all rating districts' requests apart from the Lower Waitaki River rating district. The Lower Waitaki River adjustment would be an additional \$66,000 which has not yet been included in the Annual Plan.

The scheme is a percentage split: Meridian 40%, ORC 30%, ECan 30%.

Otago Regional Council (ORC) approximately additional \$20k target and \$2k regional rate) are on a different annual plan cycle. We will align the planning cycle next year. We will manage with ORC until the alignment occurs.

Rates

41. Twenty five responses received related to Rates. Most were pleased that the rates increase was not too high with submitters calling for it to reflect CPI. Several submitters commented they would pay increased rates if they felt more environmental benefit was being delivered.

General

42. Two responses were received on topics that did not sit within the nine key areas identified for feedback. These were a submission from Combined Canterbury Provinces Federated Farmers of NZ on the cost of delivering community benefit; and another which referenced our use of advertising. It is proposed that there is no change to the draft Annual Plan in response to these.

Meeting with Councillors

43. Twenty seven people requested to meet with Councillors: 24 in Christchurch (25 May) and 3 in Timaru. In total 18 actually attended.

Financial implications

44. There have been a small number of minor changes to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan that have financial implications. These changes have been accommodated within the current 3.5% proposed increase in rating.
45. Budgets are carried forward to the next financial year only where there is a legal obligation, or an agreement in place with a regional partner to fund activities. These activities were included in the 2016/17 budget but have not been completed during the year, the funding received for these activities will therefore be added to reserves and will be used to fund them in 2017/18. There is no rates impact in the 2017/18 financial year. Adjustments have been made to the budget in respect of the following commitments (000's):

Urban Development Strategy	128
Biodiversity Strategy project grants	151
Regional Pest Management Strategy	120
Air Implementation subsidies	82
Whakaora Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere Restoration	10
Total	\$491

Legal compliance and risk assessment

45. The 2017/18 Annual Plan is a mandatory reporting requirement set under the Local Government Act 2002.

Significance and engagement

46. Engagement with stakeholders, partners, ratepayers and the community has been undertaken, with the purpose of seeking feedback to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan. This requirement has been met.

Communication

47. The Section Manager for Communications is part of the project team for the 2017/18 Annual plan.

Attachment

- Feedback Summation

ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY

ANNUAL PLAN FEEDBACK

2017/2018

BACKGROUND

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In addition feedback was received on the cost of delivering direct environmental benefits by farmers and how we undertake our advertising.

Key themes arising within each of the key feedback areas are summarised at the beginning of the section submission summary chapters.

Twenty seven respondents have requested to meet with Councillors. 18 people were heard in total: 15 in Christchurch, 3 in Timaru/Waimate. Summary of feedback by these submitters is provided in red text.

TOPIC

REGIONAL LEADERSHIP (Regional Leadership Portfolio)

Thirty of the responses referred to regional leadership, although some of the comments made were general and did not specifically relate to the topic of Regional Leadership.

The key areas that were highlighted include a request for a return to full democracy and greater engagement with communities and support for community groups and process throughout the region.

Comments included:

- Resolving big issues like climate change will require new ways of working together.
- Fully support greater levels of collaborative leadership. Keen for ECan to work closely with Ngai Tahu corporately and at a Rūnanga level as this approach provides the best outcomes.
- Would like to see ECan transition to full democracy ASAP.

#	NAME	SUPPORT	DO NOT SUPPORT	COMMENT	WISH TO BE HEARD	RATES IMPACT	OFFICERS EVALUATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
1	John B Shaw	*		Supports with the provision that there is a full democratically elected council			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
2	Ted Howard	*		Involved in Kaikoura ZC and Te Korowai (Kaikoura Coastal Guardians) and I strongly support the move towards engaging communities to set their own priorities. Your continued support of this is valued. Ask for continued support of Te Korowai as a community process. <i>At submission hearing noted that Te Korowai is important and need resources to keep that consensus in place.</i>	*	?	That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
3	Suzanne Blackstock	*		I think that people with vested interests have driven council in the past with little actual regard for the people they represent. I feel appointed professionals will keep others honest.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
6	Andrew McKay		*	Unelected councillors and unelected zone committee is not regional leadership but an undermining of regional democracy. Those that do not support democracy are called what? ECan councillors and zone committee			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

				members, just names for dictators. Resign on masse so we can have democracy restored.			
7	R M Loader			Cost of publication could have been kept down and money better spent. Information says have your say but past action shows you do not take public concerns seriously. Are you just going through the legal requirement? I ask you to stick to your basic legal functions and do them well.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
10	Dave King			Would like to see Ecan transition to full democracy asap. Government's swimmable targets are a joke and I would like to see ECan show more leadership and bring in much tougher PEOPLE friendly targets and enforce them.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
11	S M McNeill			The Council should closely review how projects and programmes are funded and delivered across Canterbury. Council should look to improve provision of published information- too little detail in LTP and annual plan. On 21 January I wrote to all individual councillors and did not receive a reply from anyone. Mr Bedford replied on behalf of all. I would have thought that each Councillor would have the authority to acknowledge a ratepayers letter. Press letter from Mr Bedford states that "Councillors may only speak on behalf of Council where authorised by me as chair". Does the same rule apply to Zone Committee media releases? An October 2016 Hurunui ZC stated that "No significant long term decline in water quality for the Hurunui and Waiau rivers" The committee headline is inaccurate. It quotes data from 1989 – 2015 but a May 2015 report was limited and did not include the Waiau. Evidence from Dr R Young to RPS covers the period 1989 – 2011 and describes "statistically and ecologically meaningful declines...in water quality parameters" in the Hurunui. ZC need more supervision before releasing inaccurate information and piffle. At submission hearing noted disappointment that that Councillors are unable to reply to individual letters and can only speak as authorised by the Chair was noted by submitter. Hurunui Zone Committee communication could improve.	*		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

12	Diane Cowan			There is no point in one governing body working at odds with another. Rating money will be chewed up in endless meetings and nothing will get done.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
26	Martin Pfaff			ECan is not fully democratic and therefore difficult to see it can provide strong regional voice.	*		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
32	Daniel Curtis		*	ECan should be made up of elected reps.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
15	Clare Marshall		*	Wish ECan to be a democracy, run by elected leaders.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
18	John Richardson		*	ECan suffers from a serious democratic deficit in that not all of its members are elected and several are effectively central government placemen. Until ECan is fully elected I find it hard to see how it can claim legitimate leadership role.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
19	Ollie Clifton	*		Resolving big issues like climate change will require new ways of working together. Fully support greater levels of collaborative leadership.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
20	Ian Forne	*		Never condoned Govt sacking of our councillors and resent the Council being stacked by Govt appointees.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
36	Taz Mukorombindo	*		ECan should maintain the secretariat to the Mayoral Forum as the challenges to the region in recovery have multiplied to wider areas of the South Island and in fact the nation. Mayoralty must maintain leadership to help coordinate issues of transport and other matters that require leadership. At the hearing, the submitter stressed the importance of attracting business migrants. Employers need to understand migrant rules and have programmes to help them. The submitter would like to work together with Environment Canterbury and develop a migrant activity strategy to ensure it becomes a meaningful working programme. He supports the Mayoral Forum and would like to submit to the Mayoral Forum secretariat to collaborate and consult around migrant needs and strategies.	*		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan. Staff consider that the submitter should be provided with Selwyn DC and Ashburton DC details as leads on the Migrant and Newcomer workstream.
37	Lisa Beardsley	*		Keen for ECan to work closely with Ngai Tahu corporately and at an Rūnanga level as this approach provides the best outcomes.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
40	Jay Smith Canterbury Sport Shooting Trust		*	No commentary provided Representatives of the Canterbury Sport Shooting Trust presented on the proposed Canterbury Sport Shooting Complex that outlined the need to develop a national and international sport shooting complex consisting of a 1,000	*		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

				<p>metre range, offering 3Gun/multi-gun, silhouette, sport clay, archery. It will also be able to run national and international competitions – all in a safe purpose built environment.</p> <p>The complex will have an education centre which will include firearm safety. Parafed NZ are supporters of the complex as disabled shooting sports are popular. There is currently nowhere for them to practice shooting.</p> <p>It will encourage biodiversity by planting indigenous and protected fauna and flora. The complex is designed by range certifiers and is police certified.</p> <p>Land is currently not used and allocated in Waimakariri Regional Parks Plan. The Shooting Trust would like to take up on the offer of the Waimakariri 1,000 metre plot of land, and would like to proceed. Has financial resourcing for the project, requires a letter of intent from Environment Canterbury that the land would be available; capital expenditure is \$3-4m over a period of time. Trust wants to get over hurdles and have the option to lease the land for the complex.</p>			<p>Environment Canterbury staff are currently working with the Trust to understand their development proposal and we are considering our response.</p> <p>The specific concerns raised by the submitter will be addressed in a letter.</p>
41	Wendy Murray		*	ECan members should all be elected rather than appointed.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
46	Gregory Byrnes		*	Do not have confidence in the appointees to the table. This is not an indictment on the individuals rather a statement they are not accountable to the people through the ballot box.	*		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
25	Kyle		*	ECan only has half democracy. Elected reps are working hard to protect the environment while National Party selected councillors are working to their own agenda. Pro farming councillors unwilling to address concerns raised by scientists from around NZ on Canterbury water and soil degradation. We demand restoration of full democracy.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
49	Matt Jackson	*		Care should be taken to avoid conflict of interest – Ngai Tahu are a massive business which plays the environment card only when it doesn't affect their business.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
50	Penny Wriggitt			Newly elected councillors have inherited an appalling legacy re water management. Over allocation of fresh water resources, lack of compliance, encroachment of braided rivers and uncontrolled dairy intensification has resulted in rivers running dry, increased cyanobacteria outbreaks, biodiversity loss and escalating contaminant levels. Canterbury has the highest dairy herd sizes on the most vulnerable alluvial soils. Should never have been	*		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

				allowed to happen. Must get back to 100% elected councillors.			
53	Jane Henwood	*		Vitally important that all participants in the use of the environment are engaged and focussed on protecting & restoring before damage is irreversible.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
54	Annette Hamblett		*	There is already a great deal of money going into this with a focus on fostering sustainable economic and social development for the region and its communities". Looking after the natural resources on which all development depends doesn't even get a mention in your blurb on regional leadership.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
55	Marianne Boekhoff		*	It would be nice if we had our democracy back.	*		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
58	Frank Hill			Reference to commissioners as dictators and call for resignation immediately. Ratepayer survey should be reinstated and CEO remuneration linked to a score above 70%. ECan should not be involved in residential red zone decision making. ZC are failures related to fact that senior appointments are not locals but from the countryside. Need to return to full democracy.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
60	Denis O Connor		*	Communication with community groups in cities and towns is non-existent.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
64	Murray Jamieson			Please make firm and definite instructions for all to adhere to ensure the world's purest waters and our Canterbury environment stays healthy and clean for future generations. Make good decisions for all.	*		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
66	Rosalie J Snoyink			Council has elected and appointed members. It should go without saying that Councillors will show strong leadership listen to the public and be accountable.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
68	Anonymous			Little leadership for sustainability within the environment.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

WATER MANAGEMENT (CWMS Portfolio)

Fifty eight responses focused on water. In general these were critical of the management of water quality and quantity with requests for greater restriction around management of the water resource and compliance around consent conditions. Overwhelmingly, the feedback included calls for greater restriction on irrigation and dairying conversions.

There was a strong focus on ensuring water quality and quantity is restored for future generations.

Requests were included for greater research budget to be included providing a better understanding of the water resource.

Several respondents raised the proposal to change a target from Zone Committee reporting on “improved water quality” to reporting on “water quality initiatives”. Respondents felt this was too general and they did not support the proposed word change as it is being described in the draft Annual Plan.

Comments included:

- Retain the target for Zone Committees and the Regional Committee to report on improved water quality and to be transparent about whether this target has been achieved.
- Nowhere in the LTP(Annual Plan) is there an objective to improve the water quality even though it states that water and its management is the biggest challenge. There is a mention of improving water management but not quality.
- Canterbury used to have the best household drinking water – it is now at risk. Reasons appear to be poor enforcement of your laws coupled with poor water allocation for industry including farming.
- Needs to be a radical improvement on water management. It is overdrawn and farm run-off is destroying our water for years to come. Environmental monitoring and proper reporting should be done regularly with full page ads in main papers

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1	John B Shaw	*		Rivers streams and aquifers need to be clean and flowing. Make a charge for water			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
2	Ted Howard	*		CWMS was having significant gains in Kaikōura. November earthquake has set those back. New decadal threat from seismically induced sedimentary cascade adds threats to infrastructure, productive farmland and			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

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				housing. Developing risk mitigation strategies and resilience strategies has to be a major focus.			
3	Suzanne Blackstock	*		Government's term of swimmable is a farce. Washdyke lagoon meets criteria but I wouldn't paddle in it. Standards should be increased not be reduced – we should be striving to protect this resource rather than saying farming is the most important thing and polluted water is a by-product of this economic activity. If my local council cannot guarantee potable water because I am not on the town supply who will protect my drinking water from the ground. I am concerned about the leaching of nitrates and other contaminants into our aquifers and ground water system. The annual plan shows you want to protect the water so perhaps land based activities close to rivers and sea need to be looked at to ensure no one digs below the highest groundwater ever monitored on that particular site.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
5	Sally Stewart	*		Use of term water quality initiatives is not adequate. Should be water quality improvement initiatives. Initiatives could result in degrade water quality without improving. Could mean a current polluted status is maintained. Nowhere in the LTP is there an objective to improve the water quality even though it states that water and its management is the biggest challenge. There is a mention of improving water management but not quality. Monitoring of water quality has gone on for a number of years so there is no reason why better effort to improve water quality could not be included. A review of water quality monitoring for contact recreation shows a lot of sites have poor quality water and few have improved quality over the past 4 years. This shows there is no justification to remove "improve" from the objectives.	*		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
6	Andrew McKay		*	Water management has been an ECan failure with over allocation leading to lowering of aquifers and dry rivers. Now suggestions to augment aquifer and river levels, instead ECan should be focused on conservation of the supply by not issuing ever increasing permits. Allowing water to be traded is an abuse of the permit system. All permits must not permit water trading.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

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7	R M Loader			<p>Canterbury used to have the best household drinking water – it is now at risk. Reasons appear to be poor enforcement of your laws coupled with poor water allocation for industry including farming.</p> <p>Get serious about illegal activities around water use. If it is necessary for you to do your job then get government to enact legislation that will support you.</p> <p>Rethink and replan where and how all rivers are monitored and have the plan open to public input.</p> <p>The best way to learn about water is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Situate flow meter close to its source • Plot all water extraction points and possible polluters • Take second sample • Third sample and flow meter to be just below the last of the majority of extraction sites • Fourth sample and flow meter to be taken well below last extraction point <p>To avoid false readings flow meters must not be on shingle bars or in deep holes. Sites should be checked regularly.</p>			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
8	David Rodgers	*		<p>Urge council to ensure that all water in Lakes, streams and rivers under its control are kept pollution free and not just swimmable standard. Appalled at current dairying practice and impact on quality and quantity of water. Make protection of waterways a priority. Too much ground water being extracted for irrigation and too much water diverted from rivers. Too many pollutants poisoning our rivers. Dairying has destroyed the quality of our natural water. Ecan – take courageous decisions to defend water quality and quantity.</p>			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
9	Derek Gurney		*	<p>Needs to be a radical improvement on water management. It is overdrawn and farm run off is destroying our water for years to come.</p>			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
10	Dave King	*		<p>Concerned that water management is being stacked in the wrong balance of “not getting in the way of development” vs “protecting the environment” which should be ECans role. Would like to see more enforcement of the rules and prosecution of river polluters. We have taken too much water from rivers etc and this is having harmful consequences. I am against</p>			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

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				<p>further intensification of farming supported by extraction of water.</p> <p>Government's swimmable targets are a joke and I would like to see ECan show more leadership and bring in much tougher PEOPLE friendly targets and enforce them.</p> <p>Investigate polluted waterways and prosecute people and encourage mitigation measures of fencing and planting.</p> <p>Would like to hear more about protection of groundwater aquifers from quarrying.</p> <p>Be more specific around requirements for soil disturbance and sediment control.</p> <p>Am a keen mountain biker and am interested in expanding the existing trail network.</p> <p>Would like to see more publically available information on all of the above.</p>			
11	S M McNeill		*	<p>Budget for CWMS is \$26.565M for 17/18. Targeted rates of \$25.004M are collected for CWMS and then confusingly spread across all programmes and portfolios. There is little detail about large targeted budget. For CWMS there is a targeted amount of \$16,421,636 from CCC ratepayers with no detail about what this funds. CH ratepayers are paying 66% of the targeted rates and need more detail.</p> <p>At the hearing the submitter suggested reducing zone committees from 10 to 5 and use the funding for science and data collection.</p>			<p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan</p> <p>Work is currently underway to improve financial transparency for CMWS and Zone Delivery funding and may be reflected through the development of the 2018-28 LTP.</p>
12	Diane Cowan	*		<p>Better water management needs better land usage – a halt to any more dairying on the Canterbury plains.</p> <p>Angers me to see treeless paddocks, overheated animals and water being sprayed freely. The rot needs to stop and policing introduced. Need to police stock in waterways.</p> <p>Water quality is a big issue. I despair over the lack of speed to fix the problem. Irrigation needs to stop. We need healthy functioning ecosystems that support biodiversity.</p> <p>We need a 100m zone either side of major rivers cleared of willows and planted in natives. All rivers need conservation protection orders. No reason why ECan can't take the initiative here.</p>			<p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan</p>

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26	Martin Pfaff	*		Water is over allocated and waterways contaminated. ECan has previously been reluctant to enforce their set targets – will this be different now? Will climate change be considered re water management? At hearing, submitter noted water management consent is allocated to the property not the business, if the business changes then the water consent should change.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
27	Susan Adams	*		More monitoring of water usage and prosecution of those taking more than consented.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
28	Nick Sinclair	*		ECan management and over allocation of water and intensification of dairying is destructive. Needs to be better managed to a sustainable level. Need regular inspection of nitrate levels in local rivers. I have no faith in ECan protecting my children future.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
29	Marilyn Yurjevich	*		Please ensure all types of consent comply – there is no cheating and breaches are punished. Human health is at stake.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
30	Anthony Light		*	Water management standards have been handed far too much freedom with intensification and irrigation. Consents for irrigation should be reduced to lessen the impact the industry is having on the region. Canterbury will get no second chances. We continue the cost to my generation and my kids will have to live with it and repair what they can. Need responsibility with grandkids in mind. Water management is key.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
31	Rosalind Booker	*		Concerned effect dairying is having on water quality and the amount of water that dairying is using. Limits on water usage need to be made for dairying. No more dairying should be allowed.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
32	Daniel Curtis		*	Reading Acclimatisation Society Report 1989 – the grave concerns they had for our waterways have come to fruition and well beyond what they fought to stop – irreversible damage to our rivers, lakes fisheries and aquifers. Safe environmental limits re water quality and water flow, were reached years ago but our concerns have been ignored and we feel helpless to do anything about the ongoing degradation.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

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				<p>The talk of community process through ZC is nonsense – ZC members are far from unbiased to in regards to protecting our natural environment.</p> <p>We need more restrictions for ground water take in Canterbury. Water right conditions need to be tightened and enforced around minimum flows and irrigation take restricted when it has such a negative impact on rivers such as the Selwyn.</p> <p>The Selwyn has special memories – granddad taught my day and my dad taught me how to fish there. I cannot take my son there to fish.</p> <p>This is my first ever submission – I feel it is falling on deaf ears. Priority has long been given to those who have a vested interest in water for irrigation. I hope it will become a future priority and my children will see the rivers, lakes and streams full of trout and salmon.</p>			
15	Clare Marshall		*	<p>You need to STOP giving away our water. ECan has failed to protect our precious resource. I asked for a moratorium ten years ago but it has been business as usual. The dairy industry is contributing to climate change and sucking our rivers dry. This is not sustainable activity. The political stance of ECan treating water as a free resource to be exploited and mined to extinction just to create dollars is abhorrent.</p>			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
16	Ants Field	*		<p>Farmers that break the rules ned to be fined. Most farmers are doing a good job but those that let stock wander into rivers need a financial consequence. ECan has been letting people off with a slap on the wrist – this isn't acceptable.</p>			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
18	John Richardson		*	<p>I have attended Waimakariri ZC meetings they seem largely cosmetic attempt to portray participation and are little better than talking shops. Seem a bureaucratic mechanism to provide appearance of action and diversion whereby little practical is being done to ensure compliance or claw back on over allocated water resource. ZC have little or no power to rein in agricultural intensification and urban expansion.</p>			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
19	Ollie Clifton	*		<p>We have been so complacent allowing our waterways to become degraded. It is time for action and bold leadership not excuses. All rivers should be swimmable</p>			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

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				Need to get serious about farming and be honest about the consequences. Time for a reality check.			
20	Ian Forne		*	ECan guardianship of waterways has been disastrous. Dairying is inappropriate on the plains and Govt and ECan abetting this is a disgrace. Future generations will have to clear up the mess. Why does ECan prosecute far fewer farmers than any other regional council?			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
21	Rachel Westaway	*		Would like to suggest the proposed target wording be changed for Programme 2 to "Improved Water quality delivered by water quality initiatives". The current wording allows for no measuring of water quality. Need to ensure water quality improvements are delivering improvements. Targets should be outcome based.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
22	Ryan (Hepburn?)		*	Water management relies on land use. There are land uses that are unsuitable in certain climates – dairy farming in Canterbury. To succeed irrigation is essential leaving drained aquifers and low flowing rivers. The leaching of contaminates compounds issues. Carrying on with dairying in dry climates & trying to maintain and improve the environment is like having cake and eating it. Each side has to compromise to the point nobody is happy and no side wins. Strong leadership is needed so that land is used only for farming activities it is suitable for. Minimum flows should not be bare minimums they should be revaluated to thrive. I support more reporting around waterways and more compliance officers are needed.			That the comments be noted and consideration be given to changing the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan. Employing more compliance officers is a Planning Consents and Compliance Portfolio matter, however we are already internally looking at our compliance function and resource allocation, which will be addressed through the 2018-28 LTP process. We are committed to goals of getting all farms to GMP or better through to Audited Self-Management and Audited Farm Plans and measurement of modelled nutrient losses through OVERSEER.
24	Jayson Warren			Better water quality and water management should be your top priority			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
34	Michael Giblot Ducray		*	Actively enforce existing irrigation water take consents Review existing resource consents to take and use water for irrigation All users should pay for water based on same unit rate per litre Avoid messing with nature by diverting water from rivers or replenishing aquifers Encourage irrigation ponds built into the ground not above	*		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

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36	Taz Mukorombindo	*		We need to hear scientific evidence on water quality and where actual hot spots are and fixes for the river. This requires working with all stakeholders.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
37	Lisa Beardsley	*		Greatly concerned that ECan has not prosecuted farmers who allow stock into lakes and waterways. This is wrong. Farmers who do this should receive mandatory fines. This must become standard operating practice for ECan otherwise credibility as a water manger will be zero. Support stricter water management process for irrigation. Farmers must comply with a set of regulations – water is too precious to be wasted by poor practice. Canterbury is unsuitable for dairying and any further conversion is irresponsible.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
39	S Burnett	*		Compliance monitoring seems woefully inadequate. Important we stop the exploitation of our fresh water for private profit. Fund compliance officers and run prosecutions. Not interested in farmer/urban divides. Protect our environment and fresh water.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
41	Wendy Murray	*		Water Management in Canterbury is in dire straits. Selwyn River is irremediable due to dairy farming and irrigation. A moratorium is required as per Mackenzie Basin. We should be ashamed of our despoiled image in the face of dirty dairying. There will be revolution when the first cow pat hits our aquifers.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
42	Jean Soper		*	Review consents when water tables are low. Irrigation should be limited when reduced water in aquifers. Strict monitoring of water takes. Shorter term consents given due to climate change. On farm storage ponds for dry periods. Reduce existing consents due to over allocation. Storage ponds should be in ground to protect lives. At hearing, submitter noted she disagrees with allocation of water consents that allow for intense farming. Nitrates in water rising steadily. All water should have a cost as it will be an incentive to use water wisely.	*		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
43	Jamie McFadden		*	Cost of current water management approach is unsustainable, not an effective use of resources and fails to deliver outcomes. More regulatory driven approach does not engender a partnership approach with landowners. Proven catchment board model used in	*		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan Water management approach is actually less regulatory. Industry has set benchmarks (GMP) and we are

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				<p>areas like Taranaki is far more effective and cheaper. This model should be funded through LTP</p> <p>At submission hearing concerns were noted that the more rules you have the more non-compliance you have. If you can get on board with the farmers, this will enable behaviour change. Farmers would welcome Environment Canterbury using the Catchment Board approach. This model is valued by the hill country farmers. Environmental plans are responded to better when someone farmers trust comes onto the property.</p>			encouraging industry to drive towards GMP through the Farm Plan Audit Programme.)
44	Jennifer Rankin	*		We need to enforce & restrict water usage in Canterbury. It's not working and we need to fix it now.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
46	Gregory Byrnes		*	<p>Don't have confidence in ZC structure. Some work well others are driven by personal and business interest above the wider community.</p> <p>At hearing, submitter noted ideas of different rules around the region is frustrating. Environment Canterbury should consider rating development of a river park.</p>			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
47	Dave Evans	*		<p>Better water management is vital and water quality must be addressed immediately. Monitoring and compliance teams at ECan must be well resourced to ensure operations within consents.</p> <p>Bolster research to ensure good decision making.</p>			That the comments be noted and consideration be given to changing the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.
25	Kyle		*	<p>Leading scientists are reporting degradation of our freshwater sources & Canterbury has the largest increase in dairy intensification which comes with largest increase in freshwater pollution. Nearly all our waterways have become cess pits. Over allocation of water resources is the leading cause of deterioration. Time to revoke water consents in the region until waterways start to flow. Dairy intensification needs to be stopped & limits put in place for sustainable land use on existing farms. Nitrate E.coli and other pathogen levels need to be monitored on a per farm basis with fines for polluters. Need strong action not business as usual.</p>			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
48	Jeremy Robertson		*	Canterbury Water quality is poor as seen in CWMS 2015 targets report (fig 2.3 pg 19) (fig 5.1 pg 33) (fig 6.1 page			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

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				38). I will support any plan that aims to improve water quality but I don't see how water quality can be improved while increasing the area of irrigated land in Canterbury. An increase in irrigated land will result in higher levels of stock waste and greater pollution regardless of effluent management strategies. If you can show me how water quality can be improved while area of irrigated land is increased in an email (jprobertson22@gmail.com) I would be grateful and would change my answer. Would like to see less irrigation and less dairy.			
49	Matt Jackson		*	Water quality management needs seriously addressing. Present regime of encouraging rather than enforcement is clearly not working. Over allocation of water is a massive issue- yes there are droughts but this is exacerbated by over allocation of water. This water re-enters the system heavily polluted which is endangering ground water quality. Canterbury soils are clearly unsuited to large scale irrigation. Further farming expansion should be halted, with strict enforcement and monitoring of current bad practice. Effort needed to educate and encourage farmers to embrace sustainable lower yield higher value products.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
50	Penny Wrigght	*		Need a great step up in commitment and enforcement to stem the decline in freshwater contaminant levels and biodiversity loss to work towards a return to ecological health of waterways. Until there is effective management tools in place then should have a moratorium on further dairy conversions. No effective mitigation in place for nitrogen contamination. Time for ECan to step up and show will and integrity to save what we have left.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
53	Jane Henwood	*		Plan must be pursued completely. Consents must be monitored and compliance enforced. Staff must be well resourced. Need further robust research of water management in entire catchment. Removing water from rivers when water is plentiful is problematic as it removes the rivers ability to remove			That the comments be noted and consideration be given to changing the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.

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				weeds and clean the river bed. This reduces habitat for birds & contributes to water depletion. It cannot be possible that removing water higher up the catchment doesn't remove water from the entire catchment. Replenishing aquifers as per Hinds does not fix issue of nitrates. The fix is only temporary.			
54	Annette Hamblett		*	I do not support the proposed increased expenditure. The CWMS has not been a collaborative process – dominated by water users and developers. I object to \$1.5M being used for this. I do not support the target wording change. This is a weakening of the target I object to money being spent in some zones on restoration projects that are landscaping while protection of our threatened biodiversity is given a lower priority.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
55	Marianne Boekhoff		*	No idea what you are doing but it is clear you are on the wrong path. We use too much we pollute too much. Cant be proper management.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
57	Combined Canterbury Provinces Federated Farmers of NZ			Federated Farmers largely supports the work being done in this group of activities particularly the collaborative processes and the resourcing of rigorous preparatory science to under pin limit setting processes. Federated Farmers particularly support setting up of science stakeholder groups and the appointment of external peer reviewers into the science process. Under the heading Minor Changes an additional cost of \$0.8M is proposed. Federated Farmers supports additional funding provided it is focused on things of real value. A top priority would be scientific work to fill the gaps identified during current and past limit setting processes. This is crucial to assist with accurately defining environmental issues and to enable us to devise effective actions to address those issues. One example – need to better understand processes which effect the attenuation of dissolved nutrients. This is vital to enable	*		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

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				<p>more accurate estimation of nutrient loads and more effective targeting of actions to maintain/improve water quality. Two promising techniques for addressing elevated nutrient concentrations in ground and surface water are managed aquifer recharge and targeted stream augmentation. (Trials in Hinds catchment) Funding needs to be made available to allow trial work to continue and to enable these techniques to be used on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Considerable care needs to be taken with public reporting to ensure it truly reflects good work being done rather than reinforce negative percent about farming.</p> <p>This group of activities is funded almost entirely from targeted rates. This is acceptable provide rates are targeted to reflect the wider community interest in water management and the fact that many outcomes sought are for the benefit of communities as a whole. Otherwise a general rate might be a more appropriate funding mechanism.</p>			
58	Frank Hill			<p>Cleaning up our lakes and rivers should be major focus. Do not support the change in the CWMS service statement 1 – ‘Improved Water Quality’ to ‘Improved Water Initiatives’ If RMA and planning changes re to be made in Waimakariri then ratepayers in CHCH should be fully consulted noting wash of nutrients down Waim and polluting CHCH beaches. Encouraging farmers to have farm environmental plans has been a failure. ECan is supposed to be the regulator. We don’t need any more cows. Freeze on cows.</p>			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
60	Denis O Connor	*		Environmental monitoring and proper reporting should be done regularly with full page ads in main papers			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
61	Jane Demeter			Water Quality Reporting	*		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

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				<p>Requires greater funding on monitoring of waterways. Do more in stream monitoring. You have sub catchment groups wanting to monitor water quality and being told no funding is available.</p> <p>This is the major issue needing attention. Good Management Practices will not get us where we want to be for land use practices Continuing to intensify by pouring in water from elsewhere seems short sighted to me. Has ECan funded research on effects of stygofauna or biofilms?</p> <p>Failing to bring new flow regimes in regional plans live does not assist with improved water quality. Plan is full of service measures and targets - many are about activities not outcomes.</p> <p>At submission hearing noted more funding required on monitoring of waterways, rather than writing fancy reports. Do more in-stream monitoring. Need to spend the money more wisely, more doing and less reporting.</p> <p>Flow regimes, failing to bring these live does not assist with improved water quality, eg: Hurunui. Nutrient resourcing is raising its ugly head, nutrient allocation process looks like it is a bit stuffed – time for a review.</p> <p>Data from water metering, shows that 50% of the data collected is unusable – need to have continuous monitoring devices in the rivers. It is essential to understand on what is going on in the rivers.</p>			2015/16 saw an increased budget for Science to monitor for Zone Delivery. This matter will be addressed through the 2018-28 LTP process.
63	Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara Trust			<p>Thanks ECan for continued support for work carried out by the Trust at Tuhaitara Coastal Park.</p> <p>Trust supports ongoing ECan initiatives including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranger patrols along the Northern Pegasus Bay • Ongoing development of the Waimakariri and Ashley Rakahuri Regional Parks and • Programmes carried out by EnviroSchools and biodiversity teams. <p>Concerned however that as a coastal freshwater catchment the worst has occurred to the water before it gets to us. With our 200 year vision to rehabilitate</p>			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

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				Tuhaitara Coastal Park we believe that ECan must enforce existing rules around water and land use and the associated practices for which you have responsibility.			
65	Wayne Molloy			Please make strict and definite instructions which state that Canterbury will have the world's purest water and the environment stays healthy and clean for future generations. Decisions will be judged by history – don't bow down to the profit of a few.	*		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
66	Rosalie J Snoyink			Clean water underpins public health, healthy ecosystems and healthy economy. Canterbury water is in trouble.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
69	Barbara Stewart			The work of ECan must increase to give the land any opportunity of survival. Continuing with status quo is not an option. Influences that have undermined the status of waterways and land will only increase. Everything must be done to mitigate and fight back. One obvious thing is the loss of Canterbury windbreaks as farmers install long irrigators. . With planning there is room to replant trees and manage to shorter irrigators. It will take 50 years of growth to repair the barren landscape.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
14	Stuart Payne		*	Quality of water is reaching a state where it will not be retrieved to swimmable status. I make no apologies for pointing the finger for decline at industrial dairying and farming in general being over consented with regards to water supply. There needs to be more research into farming and a moratorium on dairying conversions.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
13	Val Clemens			Public Concerns Widespread concern in Ashburton district about water issues. Low flows or a lack of flowing water in lowland rivers, lack of compliance, proliferation of weeds, degradation of fishing spots. Time to consider moratorium on water consents. CWMS priority Urge the council to adhere to principles of CWMS where environment is a first order priority. Continual degradation of rivers is a sign that CWMS is being ignored. Lowland Rivers			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

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				<p>Find it distressing to see Hind river dry 99% of time and others becoming more degraded – less water and more weeds. Invasion of braided rivers by tree lupin and other weeds is a real concern as they cover shingle that might be used by nesting birds. Weeds are also excellent cover for mammalian predators of native bird species.</p> <p>Managed Aquifer Recharge This is being hailed a success but is a sticking plaster on a wound. It takes clean alpine water and pollutes it. In the hope of lowering nitrate levels. Reviewing consents and lowering water takes should be the starting point.</p>			
68	Roger Bray			<p>Abstraction of water has led to the depletion of surface water. Emphasis on farming has caused pressure on environment.</p> <p>Should ECan impose production limits on farming or consider water royalties for the use of water in excess of what would be considered reasonable for sustainable behaviour? Perhaps in the longer term farmers could be better off by reducing production.</p>			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
69	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society NZ Inc.			<p>Programme 1 Page 10 Proposed change to a target from ZC reporting on “improved water quality” to reporting on “water quality initiatives” is alarming. Regional Council has failed to deliver on one of the CWMS fundamental principles. It is entirely unacceptable to change the target because it is not being achieved. It is unclear what a water quality initiative might mean with no measure.</p> <p>Amendment sought: Retain the target for ZC and the regional committee to report on improved water quality and to be transparent about whether this target has been achieved or not.</p>			<p>Water Quality is reported via Water Quality Monitoring Programme. “Water quality initiatives” could be replaced with water <u>management</u> initiatives here. Zone Delivery is not about water quality alone or water quality outcomes it’s about action on the ground – so measures are appropriate.</p> <p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan</p>
71	North Canterbury Fish and Game			<p>Recreation and amenity is a second order priority in the CWMS. Irrigation is also a second order priority yet more funding is attached to this area (\$500,000 spent on water storage and augmentation exercises compared to %5 of this amount directed to recreation and amenity maintenance and enhancement.</p>		*	<p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation and propose that the following changes be made to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan:</p> <p>\$50,000 is allocated to the scoping study Gap Analysis of freshwater Recreation and Amenity Values.</p>

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				<p>Presentation given to Regional Water Committee in 2016 followed by broader stakeholder R & A Workshop. Proposal from F & G Councils and White Water NZ presented to the Recreation and Amenity Sub Committee in Nov 2016 to undertake detailed disoing study to identify gaps of knowledge in relation to freshwater R & A values. Scoping study to then be applied to larger Omnibus Report for application to CWMS processes and for assisting consenting officers with identification of affected parties and associated environmental effects.</p> <p>Follow up meeting held in January 2017 with the indication of funding for a reduced sized scoping study. We are awaiting follow up response. We feel the response is reflective of a bias toward more traditional spending areas.</p> <p>Recommendation Ensure that adequate funding is set aside in the annual and LTP budget to undertake the proposed scoping and Omnibus project.</p> <p><i>At submission hearing more detailed financial information was provided. \$55, 000 was requested to undertake a scoping report and then apply that to a larger omnibus report.</i></p>			<p>Ensure that adequate funding is set aside in the annual and LTP budget to undertake the proposed scoping reporting for Recreation and Amenity. There is support for this from the Recreation and Amenity Working Group and this aligns with the objectives of the group;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Better understanding of recreation and amenity values and trends 2 A more integrated and better resourced work programme of activities across the region 3 Better leadership on delivering CWMS Targets on Recreation and Amenity
74	Vicki Currie	*		<p>Encouraged by the level of public involvement and debate around water issues, may the public continue to be involved in these discussions and decision making regarding water quality in our region.</p>			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
59	Robert HM Johnston			<p>Land and water Plan</p> <p>The new L & W plan has been found wanting in many areas. Hearing maybe going well but this does not mean that determinations are correct.</p> <p>Profoundly disappointed in Plan change 5 particularly the 20 ha threshold of winter brassica after which a consent to farm is required. For larger dry land farms this seems absurd. Wouldn't it be easier to put a % of the arable portion of the property as a threshold?</p>			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

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				<p>Nutrient levels Inadequacies of Overseer have been brought to your attention on many occasions. But Overseer remains the vehicle to determine Nutrient levels on existing high discharging dairy operations but dry land properties like my own have no latitude to change without a consent.</p> <p>Plan Change 5</p> <p>Effect on dry land farming is more profound than you understood. Ripple effects to dryland farming have been caused by increased dairying and huge levels of nutrient discharge. By contrast dry land farmers have low levels of leaching and are harshly treated. New land and water plan and plan change 5 show lack of comprehension of ramifications.</p> <p>Sub regional plan process</p> <p>Appointment of ZC members is undemocratic with no accountability. Information given to ZC members seems to be selective. Presentations lack a balance overview and seem to present only what the zone and ECan want to hear.</p> <p>Alternate Pathways presentations are carefully constructed to the official view with little opportunity for the public to speak.</p> <p>Have your say process was a joke.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take immediate steps to set up a further river rating area adjoining the Ashley river and embracing Rangiora. • Arrange for councillors to inspect erosion problems first hand. • Address the serious vegetation issues to the riverbed. 			

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a mechanism to be more receptive to seeking out and listening to differing views. Endeavour to include a person with comprehensive knowledge of agriculture on future hearing panels Have another examination of the policy around the use of Overseer and the numerical/narrative issues. <p>At hearing, submitter noted concerns with Overseer, Nutrient Levels, Plan Change 5 and how they have been developed. They are all interrelated. There is an incomprehensible reliance on Overseer figures. Too many versions. Use it for comparative farm management but not for regulative purposes. Material presented to the Zone has been carefully manged to suit the end objective, it is selective.</p> <p>Abandon winter brassica thresholds. Response of having to “just get a consent” is problematic and doing Environment Canterbury’s reputation harm.</p> <p>Meetings are now being held with small groups of stakeholders to get their views and feedback for managing water in the Waimakariri Zone – this is pleasing.</p> <p>This Council has responsibility for rules of enforcement – it all depends on trust and respect. Need to be alongside farmers and gain their respect. Encouraged by previous submitter, Mr Fadden, on his words of embrace and empower and his Catchment Board plans – this is a great model to work from.</p>			

NATURAL HABITATS (Biodiversity and Biosecurity Portfolio)

Thirty four responses focused on Natural Habitats. Most submissions supported an increased commitment to supporting biodiversity and natural habitats.

The Huttons Shearwater Charitable Trust have requested \$50,000 to support the two remaining colonies of Huttons Shearwater which were significantly impacted by the Kaikōura earthquake. 20% of burrows were destroyed in the quake with 1% chick survival rate. Increased resource is required to ensure their ongoing survival.

Pest management is seen as a vital activity by several respondents with support for the Wallaby control programme. The Banks Peninsula Goat Working Group requested the rollover of similar funding from the 2016/17 year (\$10,000) being allocated to the eradication of goats on Banks Peninsula for the 2017/18 year.

There were several requests for increased funding for research on natural habitats and biodiversity.

Comments included:

- Environmental monitoring and proper reporting should be done regularly with full page ads in main papers
- Need to increase budgets for scientific data collection and analysis. Budgets for good science practice are too low. Over allocation of water resource is due to insufficient knowledge of aquifer and river systems.
- Would like to see more medium and longer term follow through. For example following planting of natives we need to water and clear weeds or else it is a waste of money without proper maintenance.
- Support higher standards of environmental protection.
- Support activities like removal of wilding pines, lupins and other invasive non-native species. Must be a priority.

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General							
1	John B Shaw	*		No Comment			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

2	Ted Howard	*		<p>Kaikōura has many plants and animals unique to Canterbury. Huttons Shearwater breeds only in Kaikōura. Earthquake has had a major impact on them. Only two colonies left. In the largest of those about 20% of burrows were destroyed and birds with them. Chick survival rate is only 1 %. Steep ravines that offered pre earthquake protection are now rubble filled making access possible to predators.</p> <p>Previously ECan contributed 10K per annum to Shearwater stream control efforts. Need is now far greater. We need hundreds of thousands spending over the next few years to ensure survival of these birds.</p> <p>As Chair of Huttons Shearwater Charitable Trust we are asking for \$25,000 for each of the two colonies (Total \$50,000)</p> <p>At submission hearing noted Hutton shearwaters needs ongoing support. Earthquake collapsed burrows – birds and eggs were lost. Request for support over next three years for ongoing pest management, especially pigs.</p>	\$50K	<p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation that the following changes could be made to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$25,000 for each of the two Huttons Shearwater colonies (Total \$50,000) <p>Previous funding from Environment Canterbury has been to provide helicopter surveillance for predator control and come from the Biosecurity budget. The most recent funding in 2016/2017 was for \$2,000.</p> <p>The project involves expanding the existing predator control programme for two colonies. It aims to protect the shearwater habitat from land-based predators, due to the increased risk following terrain changes post-earthquake. It falls across ECan and DOC responsibilities, with DOC being primarily responsible for species management and habitat protection on conservation land and regional councils having responsibility for investment in habitat protection/maintenance on private land.</p> <p>There is support for this project and it also may get support from the Kaikōura Zone Committee. There is currently no funding available for this within the existing Biosecurity and Biodiversity budgets. Recommend that request should be put through Immediate Steps funding process.</p>
6	Andrew McKay		*	<p>Natural habitats have not been protected by ECan. ECan is about rape and pillage of natural resources. I do not support the direction ECan is heading in. I do support the protection of natural habitats. e.g CHWM zone committee have voted to support allowing 4800 tonnes of nitrate to enter Lake Ellesmere – total disregard for this habitat. Lakes and rivers are in decline. This is not acceptable. Polluter pays must be adopted for clean up.</p>		<p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan</p>
10	Dave King	*		<p>Like to see polluters prosecuted where it can be shown that they are contributing to pollution of Lake Ellesmere. Then more support and guidance to minimise and mitigate risk – stick first, carrot later.</p>		<p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan</p>
11	S M McNeill		*	<p>Need to increase budgets for scientific data collection and analysis. Budgets for good science practice are too low. Over allocation of water resource is due to insufficient knowledge of aquifer and river systems.</p> <p>Water quality monitoring budgets for high country streams and lakes are too low. Reprioritisation of budget is required. Need an assessment of high country environments and potential for degradation of water quality.</p>		<p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan</p> <p>We will be considering this through the 2018-28 LTP process.</p>

				Dissolved oxygen data is a key indicator of ecological suitability for all river species. There is currently only pseudo-science undertaken by Council as there are no direct continuous measurements of dissolved oxygen levels in our waterways. Increased funding should be provided for this monitoring. The above points were noted by submitter at submission hearing		
26	Martin Pfaff	*		The approach has to involve different agencies or it will be a one sided decision which will not have the desired outcome. In submission hearing, submitter suggested better consultation with DOC and local communities in regard to drylands and flood protection.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
27	Susan Adams	*		More focus on rivers improving water quality and managing use to prevent rivers running dry.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
30	Anthony Light	*		Water management is the key to maintaining and restoring natural habitats. Reducing dairy should be first priority. Must financially help those people trying to transition to a sustainable form of farming. Need to stop current trends in their tracks.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
31	Rosalind Booker			Farm animals need to be controlled from entering waterways. Areas need to be set aside for recreational vehicles so they stay away from protected bird life. Wilding pines at motorway "Fanfare" need removing.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
32	Daniel Curtis		*			
18	John Richardson	*		Would like to see more medium and longer term follow through. For example following planting of natives need to water and clear weeds or else it is a waste of money without proper maintenance.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
39	S Burnett	*		Monitor properly. Stop stealth encroachment of public land/natural habitats		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
43	Jamie McFadden		*	ECan should not have disbanded Resource care and the Regional Biodiversity strategy Group. Needs to budget for a more collaborative approach with landowners. At hearing submitter suggested more funding for delivery of on the ground projects and focus on behaviour change rather than regulatory approach. Cost of farmers implementing Overseer in Canterbury (\$7m) could be better spent on biodiversity projects.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that the following changes be made to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • budget for a more collaborative approach with landowners for biodiversity
46	Gregory Byrnes	*		ECan has a bigger role to play in advocating for natural habitats. While main focus has been on water significant natural habitats have been decimated.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.

				<p>Support regional park initiatives and recommend regional park in Kaikōura rea (Kowhai, Waimangarara and Lukes Creek).</p> <p>Support recommitting to education team. Enviroschools is fantastic but not enough. We need community wide education.</p> <p>In hearing, submitter noted he would like to see a regional park developed around the Kaikōura area with a connector to the Mt Fyffe estate. Dryland agriculture. In the McKenzie area 49% of basin floor is now pivot irrigation and now primarily dairy. Want to see Environment Canterbury respond to polluters.</p> <p>Suggests Environment Canterbury contributing to restoration on Ōtākaro.</p>			<p>Environment Canterbury is contributing ecological and strategy advice to Regenerate Christchurch in the development of the Ōtākaro Avon River Regeneration Plan, particularly regarding potential ecological restoration for estuarine and freshwater wetlands, and for the riparian environment.</p>
47	Dave Evans	*		<p>Natural habitats have been devastated, Support aims to halt decline and seek to restore environment.</p>			<p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is contributing ecological and strategy advice to Regenerate Christchurch in the development of the Ōtākaro Avon River Regeneration Plan, particularly regarding potential ecological restoration for estuarine and freshwater wetlands, and for the riparian environment.</p>
25	Kyle		*	<p>More needs to be done to protect natural habitats of all species that rely on Canterbury's eco system. 74 % of freshwater species are facing extinction. Lake Ellesmere is a cess pit and Council is still allowing stage 2 of CPW to go ahead. ECan estimates a 35 % increase in nitrogen entering the lake in the next 10 – 20 years. Current nitrogen load in Selwyn Waihora is 3200 tonnes a year and with CPW it will be 5600 tonnes. This will result in the death of fish and eels. Action plan in the annual plan is not strong enough to protect species. We need to ensure the amount of nitrogen being released isn't legally almost doubling. Biodiversity needs to be a focus of the council to ensure species thrive again especially in wetlands.</p>			<p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan</p>
49	Matt Jackson	*		<p>Unless there is better industrial farm management in rural areas then any efforts to improve natural habitats will be in vain.</p>			<p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan</p>
50	Penny Wriggth	*		<p>Further encroachment of farming into braided rivers must stop.</p> <p>ECan needs to address invasion of weeds into rivers – impacted biodiversity and implications for flood mitigation.</p>			<p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan</p>

				<p>In hearing, submitter noted that much has been said about fencing and planting and millions of Environment Canterbury and tax payers money has gone into planting – it does very little to mitigate nitrogen.</p> <p>Concerned with the increase of cows on vulnerable Canterbury land; especially Eyrewell. Need a moratorium on dairy conversion to cow numbers. Need to change behaviour.</p>			
52	Waiho Wainono Community Catchment Group			Would like to see more support for groups like ours to boost community education for sustainable environmental management to prevent the deterioration of our natural environment.	* Timaru		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
14	Stuart Payne			I note that rivers be given equal priority over other natural habitats.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
71	North Canterbury Fish and Game			<p>We have observed limited funding in areas such as Immediate Steps programme within zone budget allocations for spend on R & A/tourism maintenance and enhancement projects. F & G has submitted a proposal to ECan requesting financial support for an application to the Govt Freshwater Improvement Fund.</p> <p>Recommendation That more equitable funding allocation be apportioned for freshwater recreation, tourism and amenity improvement projects in Canterbury.</p> <p>At submission hearing it was noted that there is no funding available for restoring some of the degraded waterways that produce strong recreational values. Need healthy recreational areas close to Christchurch, rather than to more isolated areas, also good for visitor economy.</p> <p>Identify and restore tourism sites, habitat maintenance and enhancement. Suggest \$200,000 per annum compounding be made available to address restoring recreational opportunities.</p>			<p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.</p> <p>The Recreation and Amenity Working Group of the CWMS Regional Committee is working to identify for recreational project opportunities. We will be working through Zone Committees and with CWMS partners to ensure that the CWMS Recreational targets are achieved.</p>
Biodiversity							
69	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society NZ Inc.			ECan has stat responsibility to manage the effects of using freshwater within the region. Forest & Bird considers indigenous vegetation and habitats for indigenous animals has reached a critical state. Declining water quality, depleted groundwater and an on-going decline in the habitat for threatened indigenous plants and animals is an outcome of increased irrigation and subsequent land intensification.			<p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.</p> <p>The recommended amendments can be accommodated within the existing work programmes and budget.</p>

				<p>Forest & Bird seeks a step change to how council addresses the protection of the regions biodiversity. It must be one where healthy and resilient community is dependent on healthy environment.</p> <p>Priority needs to be given to the protection of Canterbury's remnant indigenous biodiversity including aquatic habitat.</p> <p>Forest and Bird seeks that ECan advocates for the retention of natural stands of native vegetation to raise awareness of these roadside remnants and their importance.</p> <p>Amendments sought:</p> <p>Give meaningful effect to the Canterbury Biodiversity strategy. Develop a plan that identifies hot spots within the region to assist in informing ZC in prioritising expenditure on protection.</p> <p>Provide adequate funding to assist the protection of remnant vegetation in the region. Work with territorial authorities and groups such as F & B to protect and advocate thee habitats.</p>		
66	Rosalie J Snoyink			<p>Canterbury indigenous biodiversity is in crisis. We have manged the almost complete removal on the plains and severe loss is occurring in montane environments. NZ ratified the International Convention on Biological Diversity in 1992 despite this ongoing decline of native species continues.</p>		<p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan</p>
61	Jane Demeter			<p>Biodiversity efforts appear to be focused on freshwater and water use related habitats. What of the rapidly disappearing terrestrial habitats and indigenous species. While Wallaby control is important more funding is needed for protecting terrestrial flora and fauna.</p> <p>At hearing, submitted added that \$240,000 to Biodiversity Strategy should be reinstated. Focus also required on disappearing terrestrial habitats (not just fresh water habitats). Need terrestrial surveys to get going, skip the planting and get on with the protection.</p> <p>West Melton is the last dry habitat in Canterbury. Create management plans that manage the biodiversity. Time to financially incense landowners to protect biodiversity.</p>		<p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.</p> <p>In light of submitter's further commentary, the submission requests significant work and resources beyond existing work programmes and budget. This could be addressed through the 2018-28 LTP process.</p>

				<p>Good to see braided rivers getting attention. Focus on the lowland areas because they are vulnerable. Fresh water improvement fund on the braided rivers.</p> <p>In response to questions from Councillors, Jane said that massive education was required on advising why things are important and the place they have in our ecosystems. More surveys were required. Processing timeframes needed to be improved.</p>		
53	Jane Henwood	*		Devastation wreaked on environment is enormous & we do not understand the implications. I support interventions to restore natural habitat and encourage ECan to research impacts of interventions on farming activities as well as natural environment and people.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
54	Annette Hamblett		*	<p>Pg. 29 Programme 1 – biodiversity and ecosystem health the target “an annual increase in the area within the region that is protected or subject to restoration activities” is a weak target. It clumps restoration panning with protection of indigenous biodiversity.</p> <p>Restoration is a poor substitute for protection of remaining indigenous biodiversity and gives an easy out for ZC.</p> <p>Areas protected legally are far more valuable than plantings. Biodiversity is in crisis. I want to see more time and money spent on this.</p>		<p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.</p> <p>The recommended amendments can be accommodated within the existing work programmes and budget.</p>
55	Marianne Boekhoff	*		When I made it clear that one of the last and best blocks of kanuka is at mortal risk from a dam ECan was not interested so it seems nice on paper but in practice a lot can improve.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
12	Diane Cowan	*		<p>Need to protect and enhance native vegetation on Canterbury Plains – revegetation, riparian planting, pest control. Public education is needed alongside this.</p> <p>Spur Valerian is out of control in Lyttelton and mount Pleasant. CCC and ECan don't seem able to tell me who will help with this.</p>		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
13	Val Clemens			Would urge the regional council and Ashburton ZC to look carefully at ways to preserve the existing wetland elements at Waikanui Beach asap. A community group has been formed and is working through a landscape plan. A recent insect survey found 52 insect species and a recommendation to “investigate the potential to divert some water periodically into Wakanui Creek. The ecology of the wetland community will be vastly improved and be sustainable if water again flows periodically into Wakanui creek”.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.
Pest Management						
69	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society NZ Inc.			Increase is spending on Wallaby containment is supported.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

			<p>Local riverbeds have become covered in weeds which have destroyed the open beds of fivers which were once breeding habitats for several species of native wildlife.</p> <p>Amendment sought</p> <p>Retain the proposal to increase expenditure on containment of Wallaby. Ensure funding to control riverbed weeds in areas known to be breeding sites especially for endangered wildlife.</p> <p>Plan to provide for adequate funding to give real effect to the regional pest management strategy when operative.</p>			<p>Wallaby containment work and controlling riverbed weeds in areas known to be breeding sites is already included in the Biosecurity budget. Rating for the Regional Pest Management Plan currently under review will not occur in the 2017/2018 Financial year.</p>
68	Roger Bray	*	<p>With respect to pest management some of the pests Ecan seeks to eradicate have some beneficial attributes. Gorse and broom provide valuable pollen sources. Removal of gorse has sustainability effect on bees.</p>			<p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan</p>
62	Bank Peninsula Goat Working Group		<p>Submission contains extensive history and background to the working group who aim to keep the pressure on the eradication of feral goats on Banks Peninsula. This is a partnership between ECan, DOC, CCC and Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust.</p> <p>Group is requesting the rollover of similar funding from the 2016/17 year - \$10,000 being allocated to the programme for the eradication of goats on Banks Peninsula for the 2017/18 year.</p> <p>Also request that goats be included in the Regional Pest Management Strategy and look forward to working with ECan on the process to develop the strategy.</p> <p><i>At hearing further details on goat control including flyers for landowners circulated. The feral goat hunt has proved successful at eradicating goats. The goat eradication team would like to focus on Little Akaloa next. If goats get out of hand it will affect both private and public land. Acknowledged there was difficulty getting permission to eradicate on private land.</i></p> <p><i>Currently thought to be around 500 goats left. Goats will always be a problem, need funding. Hunters reintroduce goats and deer, need rules.</i></p> <p><i>Funding of \$10,000 requested for the eradication programme.</i></p>	*	* \$10K	<p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.</p> <p>This funding is already included in the Biosecurity budget for 2017/18.</p>

57	Combined Canterbury Provinces Federated Farmers of NZ			<p>Effective control of pests is vital for wellbeing of land based primary production activities. Decisions to decrease efforts to control legacy pests were not consistent with the emphasis placed on biodiversity enhancement. The single most effective way to protect/enhance indigenous biodiversity is to control predators and pests.</p> <p>In our submission on 2016/17 Annual Plan Federated Farmers supported the reinstatement for strategic initiatives including wallaby control and the development of pest control methods with other councils.</p> <p>Consistent with this Federated Farmers supports the proposed expenditure increase funded from reserves to allow an expansion of the wallaby containment programme.</p> <p>In general terms Federated Farmers can see the need for greater investment in pest management. Difficult to comment until new regional pest management strategy notified.</p>	*		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
37	Lisa Beardsley	*		<p>Support higher standards of environmental protection.</p> <p>Support activities like removal of wilding pines lupins and other invasive non-native species. Must be a priority.</p>			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Thirty six responses were received regarding Public Transport in the region. Most submitters supported a commitment to Public Transport but many felt the existing services were not adequate. There were several complaints about bus schedules and timetables and calls for increased investment in PT, although this was balanced out by submitters who wanted a decrease.

There were several comments calling for a more strategic and long term approach to PT including an investigation into, and investment in, rail within the region.

Several respondents also asked for an increased focus on electric vehicles or solar power.

Comments included:

- Top cities in the world have a combination of public transport services – mostly light rail.
- Investigate passenger rails services for north and west of the city
- Public Transport is worth the money it makes our city a better place. Let’s plan ahead and work towards light rail.
- Central bus terminal is great progress. Bus needs to be cheaper if patronage is to increase. Its cheaper for me to drive everywhere.
- Bus services have improved and it is more convenient to use.
- Electric vehicles must be prioritised and light rail introduced.

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General							
1	John B Shaw	*		Yaldhurst Rd bus (no140) does not go near the hospital. It should			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
2	Ted Howard	*		If you expect people to give up personal transport then the public network has to be capable of meeting all needs – including emergency needs (Tsunami). Optimising systems for average loads is not sufficient.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
3	Suzanne Blackstock	*		In Timaru and in the country? Doesn't apply to me in my daily life			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

4	Mark Penrice		*	Do not think it is given enough priority.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
6	Andrew McKay		*	Public Transport should be user pays without subsidy. Free wifi should not be available. Bus services should be basic and have set routes that do not routinely change.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
10	Dave King	*		Better coordination between ECan and CCC. ECan to take a coordinating role between CCC and adjacent Councils. There has been a large shift in population and the impact on transport makes public transport a regional one.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
11	S M McNeill		*	Bus routes not as convenient as they were resulting in declining patronage.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
26	Martin Pfaff		*	Top cities in the world have a combination of public transport services – mostly light rail. Integration of green fields development will have to consider a rail system of some sort. In hearing, submitter recommended to research city of Freiburg in Germany, with regards to development of green fields and light rail.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
33	Gerrie Ligtenberg		*	Have tried to engage local district council to work with me and ECan re Rural/regional PT. I work with elderly people many of them getting into cars to remain independent. Needs proper PT for elderly. Have to drive to Timaru every day for work as no other options. Need trains between main centres. PT seems to be a forgotten area of the plan. PT needs to be environmentally friendly and it needs to be a public service. It needs to be subsidised and user friendly.	*Timaru		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan In addition to providing urban public transport in Timaru and Christchurch, Environment Canterbury has been working with a number of community groups in rural areas of the region to establish community vehicle trusts. There are community vehicle trusts in Geraldine, Waimate, Twizel, Fairlie, Ellesmere, Governors Bay, North Canterbury, Kaikōura, Malvern, Pleasant Point, Cheviot and Waitaki Valley. These trusts are set up to provide transport options and run by the local community. Environment Canterbury provides financial and logistical support to these groups.
15	Clare Marshall		*	Usage is dropping, services are not adequate. I would like to know how most urban suburbs can be reached within 36 mins from the exchange but it takes 50 mins to get to Brighton! That travel time actively discourages bus usage by all but the most desperate. Sort it out.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
19	Ollie Clifton	*		Make buses free and get rid of timetables. Cycle lanes are good – we need more. The more we have the safer it will feel.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
20	Ian Forne		*	Urban Transport should be transferred to CCC			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

21	Rachel Westaway	*		Satisfaction survey should be extended to wider community and not just users. It is biased only collecting feedback from users and ignoring vast majority who don't use. Measure for total mobility scheme should be reconsidered. Using the rate of complaint as a measure is an inaccurate measure of success. A measure of benefit would be more positive and appropriate.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
42	Jean Soper	*		Bus services have improved and it is more convenient to use.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
Rail							
27	Susan Adams	*		Investigate passenger rails services for north and west of the city			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
31	Rosalind Booker	*		Provision of other transport in city centre for commuting from parking areas, bus and railway station. Motorbike Tuk Tuks could take people on short tours.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
16	Ants Field	*		Public Transport is worth the money it makes our city a better place. Let's plan ahead and work towards light rail.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
18	John Richardson		*	ECan prejudice against rail services are puzzling. Absence to reference of rail is disappointing. Why is road seen as investment but rail is seen as a subsidy			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
22	Ryan (Hepburn?)		*	Central bus terminal is great progress. Bus needs to be cheaper if patronage is to increase. Its cheaper for me to drive everywhere. Light rail is needed A rail system connecting N and S Canterbury to the Central City is required.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
37	Lisa Beardsley	*		Use PT from time to time and appreciate the Metro info website. ECan should work with neighbouring Councils to run a 6 month trial of passenger rail from N Christchurch to Moorhouse Ave.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
39	S Burnett			Get serious about light rail from Waipara and Ashburton			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
44	Jennifer Rankin	*		This model should be a major focus. We need more busses more frequently to achieve a modal shift. Light rail should be considered. Good PT will make it easier for people to switch.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
46	Gregory Byrnes		*	ECan must commit to funding commuter rail investigations & get more people on PT			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

				Submitter noted in hearing that in Greater Christchurch area, light rail is a great idea		
25	Kyle	*		CH needs light rail both North and South of the City. Time to make it happen. Great to see investment in cycle ways and the new bus exchange.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
49	Matt Jackson		*	Public Transport is not good in Ch and surrounding areas. Busses are heavily affected by lack of bus lanes. Links with different routes are not well aligned. One agency needs to be responsible for delivering effective and reliable PT. Current model is ineffective. Agency needs to be forward thinking. Light rail is a must.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
50	Penny Wriggitt	*		Electric vehicles must be prioritised and light rail introduced. Where is the incentive to lessen use of fossil fuels?		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
67	David R McInnes			<p>Why is there such a limited interpretation of what constitutes PT at a time when the provision of multi modal passenger services should be the keystone in any forward looking regional programme and the fact that regional land transport in referring to integrated transport planning across the region is in reality only looking at road transport solutions and policies?</p> <p>Why is there no explanation on the reasons for PT operating revenue being down 3.6% when one of ECans prime objectives is to grow PT usage?</p> <p>Why is there no long term PT strategy comparable with ECANs 30 year Infrastructure strategy for river management?</p> <p>Why is their total silence with respect to the role of public rail services in Canterbury as part of the region's future growth?</p> <p>Submission expands on these questions:</p> <p>PT is ECan's largest expenditure item (\$73.3M). Under portfolio description PT is solely confined to provision of bus services & contributions to land transport strategy. As a regional leader it is concerning that ECan is not widening the PT offering to include rail services. Rail infrastructure is in place but grossly underutilised. ECan is anticipating a drop in revenue and bus patronage and</p>	*	<p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan</p> <p>Environment Canterbury agrees with the submitter that the ranges of multi modal solutions to transport problems is much broader than consideration of road based options. Through the Canterbury Mayoral Forum and the recently established South Island Regional Transport Chairs forum we are collaborating with local government and industry partners to consider how to better coordinate different transport choices – ranging from greater use of new technology to better usage for current appropriate technologies like rail and coastal shipping.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is engaging with its partners on the Joint Public Transport Committee to improve service delivery and understand the needs of our existing customers, and our potential customer base. Previous studies which we have commissioned and endorsed, have pointed to the development the network to include different modes (including heavy rail and light rail) as part of Canterbury's urban transport future. Rest assured that this is still the intention and the discussion is less about the choice of mode than the appropriate time to change to different mode options as and when demand dictates.</p>

			<p>needs to increase usage of PT – this is made difficult by not including rail in the equation. Including rail would help achieve LTP Measures around PT use. ECan should discuss with Kiwirail to see how to widen PT provisions to include rail and ECan should use public transport budget to explore how rail transport can be part of the regions PT offering.</p> <p>ECan should provide more comprehensive explanation as to why PT operating revenue is expected to fall by 3.6%. Rail offering would increase revenue and also help to meet the target of 95% of patrons will be satisfied with overall service.</p> <p>ECan has a responsibility to be visionary in its PT strategy with long term planning included (35 – 50 years). In this regard the full array of PT options should be explored. Annual plan should include clear indications as to the range of PT options which will be included in the 2018 review of the RLTP. ECan should consider adopting a strategic time frame which extends beyond the current 2015 – 2025 LTP – consider looking out to 2050.</p> <p>It is suggested that ECan should include in its annual plan and LTP specific mention of rail public transport services. Without such inclusions it highlights that PT services remain uncoordinated and disaggregated programme.</p> <p>At submission hearing the submitter suggested a multi modal was a 'regional' concept that included suburban intercity and tourism.</p> <p>Recommended development of a long term rolling public transport strategy that extends 35-50 years and takes into account new forms of transport and new technologies.</p> <p>Question was asked on why Environment Canterbury was silent on rail passenger services for greater Christchurch and submitter said it needed to be more innovative in its thinking. The work Environment Canterbury had done in rail public transport services was sporadic. The rail infrastructure is under-utilised and Environment Canterbury should be in discussion with Kiwi Rail and more aligned with NZTA.</p>		<p>The decline in PT revenue can be attributed to a levelling off of patronage growth in the last 18 months. We were predicting greater uptake of PT services as more commuters returned to the central city. This has been slower than expected and the current arrangements with respect to both roading and parking availability, have contributed to a stagnation of patronage growth. We are working with partner agencies on the PT Joint Committee to address this and to re-focus our services to encourage patronage at affordable cost.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury has released a number of transport plans and strategies which encapsulate our vision and are still relevant to informing our thinking. These include the Christchurch and Timaru Metro Strategies and the 2012 Regional Land Transport Strategy. We are currently preparing updates to the 2015 Regional Land Transport Plan and the 2014 Regional Public Transport Plan, which should be released in 2018.</p>
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Other							
56	Christchurch Airport (CIAL)			<p>CIAL is generally supportive of the long term direction and approach to achieving strategic objectives, particularly in sustainable development.</p> <p>CIAL acknowledges the complexity involved in prioritising funding.</p> <p>CIAL is critical of the annual plan. The plan is high level with a general and broad view of funding allocations. There is insufficient detail to determine primary focus and exactly what will be achieved as a result of spending.</p> <p>CIAL is particularly interested in how ECan will support sustainable development of regionally significant infrastructure including Ch International Airport and any council owned services that assist the airport. Given the lack of detail it is not clear how the Council intends to support sustainable development, particularly for regionally significant infrastructure and what spending the Council intends to undertake to achieve objectives. Until such detail is received CIAL considers only limited comment can be made on the Annual plan.</p> <p>CIAL is a critical piece of significant national and regional infrastructure Airport generates 7% of total GDP for Canterbury and 3.9% GDP for SI.</p> <p>Airport has statutory significance and identified in the Canterbury RPS and District Plan.</p> <p>CRPS identifies the Airport as regionally significant infrastructure.</p> <p>Earthquakes have impacted Christchurch's role as a primary destination and gateway to the SI. This has had economic impacts on Christchurch and across the SI.</p> <p>It is critical a visitor lens is applied to all major projects to ensure visitor needs are designed into new physical environments. This includes preserving and enhancing the quality of the natural environment.</p> <p>CIAL is supportive of the funding provided to initiatives that support enhancing visitor experiences in Christchurch and wider Canterbury. Whether it is through enhancing and protecting water quality, improving regionally significant infrastructure or strengthening the PT network. All of these factors make Ch and SI a more attractive destination for visitors.</p>	*		<p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan</p> <p>The Canterbury Regional Transport Committee is focused on both multimodal freight and visitor journey improvements, as well as improving the resilience of the transport network.</p> <p>The Committee works with central government and transport partners and stakeholders to progress these objectives. This includes looking at the potential gains that can be achieved through better transport and visitor data and modelling. The first step toward this was the MWH report "Harnessing the potential of data for Canterbury's tourism and transport network" (published earlier this year). It is envisaged this work will ultimately help to enhance the visitor experience and increase the attractiveness of the South Island as a destination, in particular by improving investment decisions.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury, as a partner in the Greater Christchurch Partnership, recognises the Christchurch International Airport as critical infrastructure. This is expressed through the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy Update 2016; the Greater Christchurch Transport Statement (of which CIAL is a signatory); the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy and the Christchurch Economic Development Strategy.</p> <p>In leading the development of the Land Use Recovery Plan, and in Chapter 6 of the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement, Environment Canterbury strongly defended the 50dba Airport Noise Contour to protect the 24/7 operation of the airport.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury welcomes the offer from CIAL to collaborate and would like to further discuss with CIAL the matters raised in this submission.</p>

				Sustainable development is critical for the region. CIAL has the ability to assist ECan in achievement of their strategic objectives. We would like to collaborate with ECan to gain a greater understanding and further level of detail to enable us to comment and assist where necessary on particular projects.			
45	Sue Allard		*	The plan for PT is vague and general. Want to see more specific plans and innovative projects. E.g. Reinstated CBD electric bus, set up park and ride, use smaller buses.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
47	Dave Evans	*		Efforts to increase use of PT must continue			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
53	Jane Henwood	*		Unfortunate that rebuild is impacting ability to get around at the moment but essential to plan to encourage the use of PT and bicycles. There is cost to run low return PT but gradually people will come to a well-functioning PT system. This approach is the only way to reduce dependency on fossil fuel. Would appreciate buses running closer to art gallery, theatre etc.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
55	Marianne Boekhoff		*	Out here there is none so I cannot support what there is not			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
58	Frank Hill			Bus changes are a complete failure and led to greater use of cars. Not enough consultation on these changes. Cancellation of Metrostar was absurd. Greater Ch Public Transport Committee is a waste of time. One entity should be responsible for PT – CCC.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
60	Denis O Connor		*	Lacks vision and courage. Long term planning ignores pop growth, sites of employment, age demographics etc Inner city suburbs have been deserted by buses			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
66	Rosalie J Snoyink			PT is essential to the smooth running and the health and wellbeing of communities. ECAN should be encouraging fast and efficient PT and leading the charge on electric vehicles.	*		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan Environment Canterbury agrees with the submitter that PT is vital to our communities. Environment Canterbury is engaging with our partners on the Joint Public Transport Committee to improve service delivery and understand the needs of our existing customers, and our potential customer base. Previous studies which we have commissioned and endorsed, have pointed to the development the network to include different modes (including heavy rail and light rail) as

						<p>part of Canterbury's urban transport future. Rest assured that this is still the intention and the discussion is less about the choice of mode than the appropriate time to change to different mode options as and when demand dictates.</p> <p>We are also involved with the New Zealand Transport Agency project supporting electric vehicles and look forward to this technology providing better future options that help resolve both transport and air quality issues in the region.</p>
68	Roger Bray	*		Need for increasing use of solar energy as a cleaner energy source. Electric vehicles provide for a cleaner environment.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

CLEANER AIR (Air Portfolio)

Twenty responses were received regarding Cleaner Air. The feedback received covered a wide range of issues including, rural burning, availability of low emission burners, dust on rural unsealed roads and extension of restrictions and air quality testing to cover vehicle emissions.

An emerging issue is related to quarry restrictions with several respondents calling for more stringent monitoring of consent conditions for quarries and for excavation and quarrying to meet best practice standards and quarrying operations to be more than 500 metres from the nearest dwelling.

Comments included

- Would like more simple to understand publication showing contributors to air pollution. Would like to understand what particles and gasses are harmful to humans, their proportions and measures ECan proposes to mitigate
- Would like to see ultra-low emission burners available at lower cost. Can ECan help with this?
- Prohibit any quarrying or excavation activity within 500 metres of any dwelling
- Why are farmers allowed fire burning of scrub releasing tons of CO2 into the air while urban dwellers are fined for this?

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1	John B Shaw	*		All rubbish should go in the bin – no burning			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
2	Ted Howard	*		Important to have thermally efficient wood burning stoves with good emissions. Having alternatives in case of major electrical failure is important.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan One of the four strategic priorities in this portfolio is to encourage the development of new technology which enables people to keep warm whilst still burning wood, as it is recognised that wood is carbon neutral. There are currently 8 Ultra Low Emission Burners on the market with several more pending. It is anticipated that through the course of time more appliances will come onto the market and the cost to our residents will reduce.
3	Suzanne Blackstock	*		Am sick of farmers polluting my air at this time of year			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
4	Mark Penrice		*	Air pollution is a problem. But people need to keep warm and using older log burners is important. Private			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

				companies that dirty the air for profit have it easier than individuals.		As above one of our strategic priorities is to enable the development of new cleaner burning technology. Currently there are 8 Ultra Low appliances on the market with several more in the pipeline. We are looking at the impact of industry on our airsheds but know at this time home heating is the major contributor.
6	Andrew McKay	*		Clean air is important. Clean wood burners that burn sustainable wood should be more available. Burning of coal and diesel should be discouraged. ECan has the opposite view.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan One of the four strategic priorities in this portfolio is to encourage the development of new technology which enables people to keep warm whilst still burning wood, as it is recognised that wood is carbon neutral. There are currently 8 Ultra Low Emission Burners on the market with several more pending, it is anticipated that through the course of time more appliances will come onto the market and the cost to our residents will reduce.
10	Dave King	*		Would like more simple to understand publication showing contributors to air pollution. Would like to understand what particles and gases are harmful to humans, their proportions and measures ECan proposes to mitigate. e.g vehicle emissions, silica, construction dust. Are ECan going after the easy to enforce target (log burners) rather than other contributors?		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan Our Science department have been instrumental in assisting with the development of the LAWA website (Land Air and Water Aotearoa) information website, where real time data on matters such as air quality can be easily accessed by the public. We encourage people to take a look at the LAWA website for information on air quality and pollution.
12	Diane Cowan	*		Solar energy subsidies would be great initiative. Look internationally about building smarter.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
26	Martin Pfaff	*		When will Woolston gelatine factory be closed, fined or forced to upgrade? In hearing submitter noted the gelatine factory in Woolston and factories in Hornby are third world, they are run down.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan This is a matter for the City Council.
31	Rosalind Booker			Need to stop dairy as they are putting carbon dioxide into the air. Planting trees will absorb the CO2. Shelter belts need to be replanted to conserve water loss from evaporation. Also cows emitting methane gas is a concern. What are you doing to control methane gas emissions? Need recharge points around the city (electric vehicles?) Good with less smoking chimneys.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

20	Ian Forne	*		Wood burning fires are environmentally sensible and should be encouraged. Emission must be kept low but would like to see ultra low emission burners available at lower cost. Can ECan help with this?			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
34	Michael Giblot Ducray		*	Prohibit any quarrying or excavation activity within 500 metres of any dwelling Proactively monitor finer PM 2.5 in locations surrounding quarries Actively enforce quarrying consent conditions closing down operations that do not comply.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
37	Lisa Beardsley	*		ECan needs more monitoring stations and an app for uploading images of smoke and other air pollution. As a cyclist I am appalled by smell of fumes. Would appreciate regular air quality monitoring on Brougham St, Riccarton and Blenheim Rd			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
46	Gregory Byrnes	*		Clean air successful but impact on lower income families paying more for electricity. Alternate technology should be investigated. ECan should support Healthy Homes initiative. <i>At hearing, submitter noted Environment Canterbury deserves kudos regarding clean air work but many community members struggle for heating, Environment Canterbury can set some warmer home initiative with subsidies for electricity.</i>			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
25	Kyle		*	Why are farmers allowed fire burning of scrub releasing tons of CO2 into the air while urban dwellers are fined for this? Time for tougher enforcement on rural air pollution in the region.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
49	Matt Jackson	*		This should apply to businesses as well as homeowners. Woolston stinks due to gelatine. Earthquakes are no longer an excuse.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
53	Jane Henwood	*		Plan progressing well and should be extended to vehicle pollution.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
60	Denis O Connor			Management seems to be around meeting government targets. More staff need to be out and about monitoring between 4- 700 pm			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
68	Roger Bray			ECan is obsessed with PM 10 emissions while unsealed roads are an issue for those with residences close to the road.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
71	Waimate District Council	*		Support intent behind plan for cleaner air but there are a number of issues re Point of Sale rule with regards to Waimate that need resolution before we can support full	*Timaru		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

			<p>implementation of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan in the Waimate district.</p> <p>Council notes its support for the recommendation R-7.92 presented in the Environment Canterbury Section 42A report. The recommendation was that Rule 7.92 be amended to state:</p> <p>“within the Geraldine or Waimate Clean Air Zones the discharge of contaminants into air from an older-style enclosed burner is a permitted activity provided ... the discharge to air does not occur after the date on which the property in which the older style burner is located is sold; or 1 January 2020; whichever is later.”</p> <p>(See Attachment I)</p> <p>It is noted that, in spite of this recommendation, the adopted Canterbury Air Regional Plan has been further amended to state:</p> <p>“within Geraldine and Waimate Clean Air Zones the discharge of contaminants into air from an older-style enclosed burner, except where the discharge is otherwise prohibited by Rule 7.84, is a permitted activity provided ... the discharge to air does not occur after the date on which the property in which the older style burner is located is sold; or 1 January 2020; whichever is sooner.”</p> <p>(See Attachment II)</p> <p>Council believes that the original rule (Rule 7.92) was pragmatic and appropriate for the Waimate airshed. The financial burden of replacing old-style burners, especially for elderly and low-income households will not, in Council’s opinion, be balanced out by a marked improvement in air quality, given the minor exceedences in PM10 levels in Waimate currently. Because of this Council recommends the amendment (Rule 7.102) be repealed and replaced with its predecessor.</p> <p>According to the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality the Waimate airshed must experience fewer than three days per year with PM10 over 50 micrograms per cubic metre of air from 1 September 2016 and no more than one per year from 1 September 2020.</p>			<p>This is a regional plan matter and communication between our respective organisations, has already occurred on this subject with Environment Canterbury offering an implementation approach to address WDC’s concerns for their community.</p>
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				<p>Waimate is tracking favourably to meet these targets. Council firmly believes that if the Waimate airshed targets are met and there is a continuing downward trend in PM10 levels there should be leniency around the requirement to replace older-style enclosed burners beyond 2020.</p> <p>Council believes that the partnerships programme with Environment Canterbury to introduce 40 Ultra Low Emission wood burners, in conjunction with community education on good burning practices and air quality will set Waimate on the right track to compliance.</p>		
74	Vicki Currie	*		Supports ongoing promotion and awareness of choices around improvements to air quality		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

REACHING COMPLIANCE (Planning, Consents and Compliance Portfolio)

Thirty one responses were received regarding compliance. There was an overwhelming view that a stronger compliance and enforcement stance needs to be adopted by Environment Canterbury and that budgets and resourcing in this area were insufficient and should be increased to meet consent compliance requirements as well as enforcement.

Comments included

- Those not complying should be fined, prosecuted and have consent removed.
- We need more compliance officers and more action when non-compliance is detected.
- ECan is under resourced and I am happy to pay more for sufficient staff to enforce rules around water and land use.
- Compliance is essential in managing all other components of the plan.

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1	John B Shaw	*		Everyone including Environment Council should try very hard			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
2	Ted Howard	*		Serious concerns about two aspects: Plans and rules are never sensible in all situations resulting in unforeseen outcomes. Compliance in such cases is often far from socially desirable. In terms of water quality a lowering of national standards is a seriously undesirable outcome. In addition source of E coli is very important not just acceptable e coli count.			That the comments be noted and consideration be given to changing the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan. More resourcing for compliance monitoring is a strong theme for submitters this year. This is something that could be considered through the 2018-28 LTP development in preparation for the predicted increase in consents on the back of FGMP. Some comprehensive forecasting work may be a good first step. It is noted that an additional compliance team is already being recruited for as part of this annual plan process.
3	Suzanne Blackstock	*		Be stronger on non-compliance with the bigger boys-commercial activities taking water without being properly investigated. Consent should not be retrospective.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
4	Mark Penrice		*	Focus on large organisations who cause pollution not individuals.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

6	Andrew McKay		*	Those not complying should be fined, prosecuted and have consent removed. ECan seems more interested in enforcement of private households than business		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
9	Derek Gurney		*	There is too little management of compliance by farmers exploiting our water		
10	Dave King		*	Statement on pg. 40 does not deal with compliance. Agree with ECan general approach but not to monitoring and enforcement. ECan needs to take a more vigorous approach.		That the comments be noted and consideration be given to changing the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.
11	S M McNeill		*	There is a need to increase budgets for consent monitoring. Only 65 % of dairy farms had consent compliance checks in 15/16 and councils documents reports over allocation of water resources across the region. This could be an indicator that council has not previously assessed consent applications comprehensively. There are large numbers of dairy farmers in breach of consents. Only 74% of those checked achieved an A grade if you extrapolate this over all consents than more than 350 dairy farmers are in breach. Council does not have reasonable data base to assess changes in water, this does not allow best practice.		That the comments be noted and consideration be given to changing the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan. It is noted that an additional compliance team is already being recruited for as part of this annual plan process. In addition to this it is considered that compliance resourcing should form part of the LTP development.
26	Martin Pfaff	*		As long as it is enforced – competent teams available to look at issues.		That the comments be noted and consideration be given to changing the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.
30	Anthony Light		*	A hard line must be taken to ensure the quality of our rivers is not compromised by large groups of stock shitting and pissing in our waterways. We have been too lenient for too long.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.
32	Daniel Curtis		*			
18	John Richardson		*	Compliance record is abysmal (particularly in relation to water). ECan must be more willing to prosecute where necessary.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.
22	Ryan (Hepburn?)		*	We need more compliance officers and more action when non-compliance is detected.		That the comments be noted and consideration be given to changing the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.
34	Michael Giblot Ducray		*	ECan is failing with ensuring compliance of irrigation water takes and containment of quarry dust. Install more irrigation and finer particle dust monitoring equipment. Appoint more enforcement officers and take action against non compliance. ECan is proposing to maintain a requirement for a Dam Safety Assurance Programme (DSAP) for medium to high impact dams. Lives will be placed at risk & proposal needs to be changed. Irrigation dams should be in ground not		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.

				above ground. ECan should maintain a requirement for a DSAP for low impact dams. Install sufficient numbers of dust monitoring equipment.in locations near quarries. Should be real time with active enforcement of breaches. Prohibit quarrying within 500 metres of dwelling.			
35	John Burrows	*		Aggregate trucks are not complying with ECan consents. Trucks in Diversion Road are operating with impunity and complaints to WDC and ECan result in each council pointing at the other. Makes a mockery of the consent process.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.
39	S Burnett	*		Increase funding to increase number of compliance officers.			That the comments be noted and consideration be given to changing the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.
42	Jean Soper		*	Compliance needs to be more than just a word. Needs to be closer monitoring of effluent disposal, overuse of fertiliser and nutrient leaching. Contaminant of quarry dust has been on going and it is sad indictment that people have to wear masks outside their homes. ECan failed to protect people from dust hazards by not investigating types of dust and enforcing compliance. Monitoring consent conditions should be stringent and enforced with breaches meaning instant closure. Excavation and quarrying must meet best practice standards and be more than 500 metres from a dwelling At hearing, submitter noted that exposure to quarry dust is a real killer, it is totally unacceptable to have quarries close to houses. Best practice must be adopted, 500 metres is not far away especially if dust contains silica. Trucks should be covered when travelling on roads, as debris often breaks windcreens, and Jean has \$5k worth of damage to her car due to truck debris. Dust is an issue on unsealed roads killing people's gardens and vegetable plants. Scientific data should be better. Better compliance is required as people need to care for the environment.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan. Quarry setback distance is regulated by CCC. Environment Canterbury's ambit is limited to containment of dust within the boundaries. Significant resources have been directed to monitoring efforts at Yaldhurst in recent months. Vehicle emissions are monitored at various points around the city. The covering of trucks is regulated by Land Transport NZ. ECan vehicle emissions data is shared with LTNZ. Localised monitoring is undertaken in response to significant community concern and where resourcing permits. Eg Lyttelton Tunnel.
46	Gregory Byrnes		*	ECan is under resourced and I am happy to pay more for sufficient staff to enforce rules around water and land use.			That the comments be noted and consideration be given to changing the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.
25	Kyle		*	Hundreds of millions of litres of water have been stolen illegally yet no prosecutions in Canterbury. ECans job is to enforce the law. One in five of those monitored were non-			That the comments be noted and consideration be given to changing the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.

				compliant and get away with it. Time for tougher compliance. Also no one has been prosecuted for allowing stock in waterways despite 500 complaints. Why isn't ECan prosecuting? ECan needs to increase resources to handle the compliance work and deal with pollution tip offs in a timely manner.		
50	Penny Wriggitt	*		ECan has worst record nationally of monitoring compliance and almost complete lack of enforcement. There is an urgent need to increase monitoring teams and action enforcement. Soft education approach has not worked. Polluters need to pay to rectify actions. The time frames for implementation of mitigation and monitoring measures, metering all wells, denitrification studies, MCI monitoring , has been too slow. In hearing submitter noted concern by the lack of leadership and unbalanced reporting by both central and regional Government about the state of affairs, eg: the 2017 Fresh Water Report which data is based on data pre 2013 and 2012. Has reported to Environment Canterbury air pollution hotline – there has been green root stock from the felling of forests that burn for weeks through the winter. Pollution hotline were not interested at all, not interested in the photos she took – root stock burning has happened two years in a row. It is reported that the ground beetle that has become extinct in the area. Thinks Environment Canterbury does not act as they are not prepared to take on TRoNT.		That the comments be noted and consideration be given to changing the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.
53	Jane Henwood	*		Compliance is essential in managing all other components of the plan. Only way all players can trust ECan in future to help us work towards sustainability.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.
54	Annette Hamblett		*	Pg 43 Portfolio Revenue and expenditure Dr Marie Browns report "Last line of Defence" revealed that we need to be doing better. There needs to be greater expenditure not a reduction on compliance. Our water is likely to be better off if we spend funds on monitoring and compliance. Zone delivery raises alarm bells with me.		That the comments be noted and consideration be given to changing the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.
55	Marianne Boekhoff		*	A lot is done that shouldn't be done and no one seems to care. What is the use of a plan – if it just stays a plan?		

57	Combined Canterbury Provinces Federated Farmers of NZ		<p>Under changes – in addition to efficient processing of consents and optimal environmental outcomes another area to be looked at is consistency of consent conditions with plan provisions and the intentions which evolved during the planning processes about how and when those provisions are given effect.</p> <p>Region wide provisions of plan Change 5 are being given effect to via conditions in land use consents. The conditions go beyond what would be required by Plan change 5. This is not appropriate given that Plan change 5 is not supposed to be given effect until the plan becomes operative.</p> <p>This situation highlights the need for better communication between planning and compliance staff and needs to be addressed with some urgency in the interests of effective plan implementation.</p> <p>This is counter to what has happened during recent collaborative processes which highlighted the importance of on farm practise in delivering environmental outcomes. An excessive focus on numbers is a distraction from what is important.</p> <p>Federated Farmers supports the proposal to maintain a Dam Safety Assurance Programme for medium to high impact dams.</p> <p>Federated Farmers supports the approach to consideration being given to undertaking less statutory planning work and increasing on the ground actions to help with recovery post North Canterbury earthquake.</p>			That the comments be noted and consideration be given to changing the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.
60	Denis O Connor		ECan not tough enough on infringements.			
61	Jane Demeter		<p>Altering time frame for processing consents is tinkering at edges. Community is more interested in how effective these are at managing natural resources. It appears that less resource is allocated to consent monitoring and compliance despite community expectations. Astounded that consents granted to large irrigation schemes have gone through un notified.</p> <p>At hearing submitted outlined need to know how effective and what the outcomes are from resource consenting. Putting less money on compliance does not make sense.</p>			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.

				Surprised that discharge consents granted to large irrigation schemes appear to have all gone through as 'un-notified' in spite of the significant effects on the land areas.			
66	Rosalie J Snoyink			More resources required to strengthen the consent s team. Rules are pointless without monitoring and enforcement. It should not be just a complaints based system but one of active monitoring and enforcement. Read Dr Marie Browns Last Line of Defence			That the comments be noted and consideration be given to changing the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.
14	Stuart Payne			Given the drastic decline in water quality where there is no compliance it has to be dealt with seriously to set example to other consent holders. Evidence that consent holders break the rules because they know they can get away with it and sanctions will be minimal.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.
68	Roger Bray Please keep name confidential			Reasonable rules will be complied with and unreasonable rules the public are likely to disrespect the rules and the authority. Council has the choice here.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.
70	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society NZ Inc.			Operating Expenditure/Revenue pg 7 Compliance with plans and consents Tables setting out opex and revenue show a corresponding decrease. It is unclear why and needs some explanation. Forest & Bird seeks an assurance that there is adequate money available to ensure ECan can robustly monitor compliance and consent conditions. If it is intended to reduce expenditure on monitoring and compliance then this is strongly opposed. Amendment sought: Provide an explanation as to why there is an intended reduction in opex for planning, consents and compliance. Provide for an increase in capacity to monitor and enforce consent compliance.			That the comments be noted and consideration be given to changing the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.
71	North Canterbury Fish and Game			Fish & Game has raised repeated concerns about ineffectiveness of compliance and enforcement re Land & Water plans. Meetings have been held to discuss sock exclusion and intensive and extensive farming rule breaches. Recent performance reports show improvement but overall regulation section is under resourced. Compliance is based on reactive and under resourced approach through pollution hotline. Need more proactive monitoring. Compliance funding is not commensurate with funding on CWMS development. Recommendation	*	*	That the comments be noted and consideration be given to changing the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan. It may be timely to review the pollution hotline to assess whether it is still fit for purpose and adequately resourced.

			<p>That the scale of funding within the overall regulatory division of ECan be significantly increased especially in respect to plan rules and resources consent compliance /monitoring permitted activity monitoring and the associated education of land users about plan requirements.</p> <p>At submission hearing Fish and Game noted concerns with compliance monitoring effectiveness and requested a greater focus in this area. Permitted activity monitoring hours should be a target. No new funding for additional compliance activity had been allocated. Requested an additional \$500,000 per annum of funding for the compliance monitoring.</p>			<p>Staff recommend that three additional full time equivalent positions be added to the budget to address these concerns.</p>
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KEEPING US SAFE (Hazards Portfolio)

Twenty responses related to “Keeping us Safe”. Key areas covered included effective management of flood mitigation work post earthquake in Kaikōura and Christchurch to ensure on going safety, a request for dams to be inground in relation to the Waimakariri Irrigation consent, excavation and quarrying to meet best practice standards and quarries to be more than 500 metres from a dwelling and reference to the swing mooring clauses of the Navigation Safety Bylaws.

Comments include

- The immediate earthquake response from ECan to Kaikōura has been great. Full marks. But the policy in plan has no specific direction toward the medium and longer term response. The hazards from this quake will continue in the community for decades. Please make substantial allowance for increased input into flood mitigation works.
- Climate change should be a top priority. Focus on preventative action not just mopping up mess.
- Dams should be in ground. People and the environment should come before cost saving activities.
- River Engineering has sought some increase to various river rating districts and is addressed in the financial commentary supporting this feedback.

#	NAME	SUPPORT	DO NOT SUPPORT	COMMENT	WISH TO BE HEARD	RATES IMPACT	OFFICERS EVALUATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
2	Ted Howard	*		<p>The immediate earthquake response from ECan to Kaikoura has been great. Full marks. But the policy in plan has no specific direction toward the medium and longer term response. The hazards from this quake will continue in the community for decades. Please make substantial allowance for increased input into flood mitigation works.</p> <p><i>At submission hearing noted in terms of Kaikōura Hurunui the earthquake will have seismic hazards for decades. Support is needed for the smaller communities post-earthquake</i></p>		*	That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan Environment Canterbury is consulting with the appropriate central government departments to explore all options for a subsidy/contribution towards rebuild costs for flood protection and drainage infrastructure. The remaining cost will be funded out of reserve balances for the Kaikōura River and Drainage Rating Districts and targeted rates contributions. The current estimated repair bill is a total of \$395,000. All critical repairs are now complete and the remainder will be addressed over the next 18 months.
6	Andrew McKay			What is the plan? This brochure is useless, this is clearly by design. The building of flood barriers is excellent – what else are you doing?			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

26	Martin Pfaff	*		<p>Will there be a look at the bigger picture? Encroachment and flood protection. Deforestation results in loss of water storage – will this be part of keeping us safe? Stormwater run-off causes overflow in sewers and sediment in rivers. Will stormwater attenuation be considered? Rainwater harvesting in urban areas could take away pressure on stormwater/sewage system if used for toilet flushing.</p> <p>At hearing, submitter noted that storm water runoff in areas. Christchurch has lovely buildings, but water goes into the Avon and Heathcote Rivers untreated.</p>		<p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan</p>
31	Rosalind Booker	*		<p>Harder to make a right hand turn out of Belfast onto the main North Rd. The situation will get worse. Give consideration to extending turning lanes both sides of Belfast Rd (CCC)</p>		<p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan</p>
17	Stephanie Brown		*	<p>Funding should be put aside for the swing mooring clauses of the Navigation Safety Bylaws. While Bylaw has only recently been reviewed the statement of Proposal listed key proposed changes yet nothing was listed of the fundamental and radical changes made. Under the heading “ Streamlining of the Mooring clauses” it misleadingly said the mooring clauses have been changed to provide for greater clarity and ease of use. The clauses and sub clauses should follow in a logical way for someone new to the process. The other change is that the harbourmaster now cannot exempt from some of these clause”. The Living Here publication misleadingly said “streamline the mooring clauses so they are more user friendly and to provide greater clarity”. They have gone way farther than this and are not clear to understand. For some reason ECan consider it appropriate to control the sale and transfer of moorings.</p> <p>In hearing, submitter noted that would like to be able to control who they sell their swing moorings to rather than next person on the waiting list. Raised concern if a price could not be agreed with the person next on the list.</p> <p>Ask Environment Canterbury to work with the mooring community to resolve the situation rather than court action, like that being filed by the Purau Mooring</p>	*	<p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan</p> <p>The owner of a swing mooring may sell their swing mooring to whoever they wish. The new owner of a swing mooring will require a mooring authorisation to keep the mooring within the Coastal Marine Area. The Navigation Safety Bylaw sets out the process for the issue of mooring authorisations. That process includes the requirement for the harbourmaster to issue authorisations in the order in which the applications are received.</p> <p>Council’s position is that the location that a mooring occupies is not something that may be sold or purchased.</p> <p>The bylaw clauses are laid out in a logical order; general, application, maintenance, moving or removing and then cancelation. The bylaw clarifies the earlier bylaw clauses that were misinterpreted by some.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury continues to work with mooring owners and user groups however, those groups have a right to pursue legal avenues if they wish.</p>

				Association. Does not believe this is this a navigational safety matter.		
19	Ollie Clifton	*		Climate change should be a top priority. Focus on preventative action not just mopping up mess.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
34	Michael Giblot Ducray		*	Don't allow creation of manmade flood risks. Irrigation dams should be in ground Prohibit quarrying/excavation within 500 metres of a dwelling		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
36	Taz Mukorombindo	*		Concerned for safety of dairy owners. My charity wants ECan to continue working with migrants to ensure the regions recruitment and retention continues to be well researched and progressive including communities and their participation in the economic life of the city.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
42	Jean Soper		*	No industrial activity should be allowed next to dwellings. Quarrying should be a minimum of 500m from any dwelling. Dams should be in ground. People and the environment should come before cost saving activities. Speed of Degradation of water is frightening		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
25	Kyle		*	More land needs to be reallocated back to wetlands and forest so our natural ecology can return.		
53	Jane Henwood	*		Fully support plan but must be accepted that when people wish to take considered risks with the environment then this must be their responsibility. Not sure how this balance can be maintained without ECan being accused of neglect.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
55	Marianne Boekhoff	*		WIL want to build a dam. Hundreds of people will be at risk. So much for keeping us safe. WIL doesn't want to make the dam in ground because it is more expensive. ECan did nothing to stop this. Eyrewell (Isaacs Road) plans to mine for gravel next door to where people live. Dust is bad for your health and not keeping us safe.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
57	Combined Canterbury Provinces Federated Farmers of NZ			Federated Farmers supports the first bullet point under changes regarding the increased funding to ensure prioritisation of flood control and other river works to provide the best possible support for the Kaikoura and Hurunui rebuild. Under fourth bullet point, Federated Farmers believes that significant additional resource should not be allocated to increased work on braided rivers until a clear direction is established. There needs to be some basis fact finding and		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

				problem definition before going back to the community to establish what direction should be.			
60	Denis O Connor			Cant comment as you don't tell us enough			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
14	Stuart Payne			Pleasing to note braided rivers mentioned here. Rivers are becoming increasingly unsafe for recreation. Keeping us safe has to be approached holistically.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
68	Roger Bray			Most urban areas on a flood plain or swamp. Council could be working to better equip community to have less reliance on others during an emergency by constructing dwellings more suitable for natural hazard risks.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
66	Rosalie J Snoyink			Climate Change is the main issue of our time and ECan needs to take strong lead.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan Environment Canterbury has no statutory opportunity to lead on climate change, however we consider climate change to be part of our business as usual.
59	Robert HM Johnston			Ashley River Since mid 19902 ECan has lost interest in in managing the erosion taking place on some cliff sections of my frontage with large areas of land being washed away. The subsequent build-up of gravel in the river bed and the choking of the bed with weeds. Result is both an environmental and soil conservation disaster. Used to be addressed by the North Canterbury Catchment Board and now ignored. Two rating areas should be formed, one on each side of the river embracing all of Rangiora. This should be a high priority for a council visit so you can see the damage. It is the biggest environmental and soil and water problem associated with a river in the region and should be addressed. <i>At the submission hearing, concern with the Ashley River bank erosion, rampant weed growth, and gravel build-up was noted. An onsite visit and inspection should be scheduled for all councillors to see the problem.</i>			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan. There is currently no flood protection on this river, likely to result in land owner frustration as braided rivers will act as braided rivers do. <i>The specific concerns raised by the submitter will be addressed in a letter.</i>
51	Kelvin Bakkenes			Would like to consult with Council re Braided Rivers. Concerns re Motorbikes/Trail Bikes & exclusion of any mention of these at the Waimak/Ashley rivers even though they are the biggest users. Money has been spent with no consultation with correct user (Junior Motor Cross President). This includes	*		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan. <i>The Waimakariri River Regional Park and Ashley Rakahuri Regional Park are managed under management plans which were developed after consultation with users, neighbouring</i>

			<p>extraction of the bridge across the intake for trail bikes and quads at Intake Road. Mr David Owen seems to (have?) a hidden agenda and rangers don't seem to know what could be achieved with proper input. Have met with Council before and was promised I would have contact on this matter but nothing.</p> <p>Dairy farm son South side of the Waimak close to the Gorge Bridge. Cows come within 10 metres of main stream and the land is irrigated contaminating the waterway.</p> <p>New Horse area by Orana Park – was the near perfect spot to locate the North Bank Motorbike Park. Look forward to discussing these matters.</p> <p>In the hearing, submitter raised the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why are horse people being introduced into the area? - Why remove the top soil, so motor cyclists come across the danger of stones? - Why has the bridge been taken out at the intake? It causes 4WD and motorbikes to use the river and pollute it - People who volunteer along the Waimakariri have the knowledge and they have not been contacted. <p>There has been confrontation with the patrolling Rangers; they don't have any idea. He fears a little bit for the Rangers and some of them are out of hand with the petrol fraternity.</p> <p>He would like McLeans Island to be a multi-use area.</p>		<p>communities, mana whenua, territorial authorities, non-governmental organisations, central government. These are based upon River Strategies which were developed by community representatives.</p> <p>The management plans allow for a mixed use approach and offers a range of recreation (including trailbikes), leisure and education opportunities. The parks are developed and maintained to fit together seamlessly with river engineering infrastructure, with both practices working with and supporting the other.</p> <p>The specific concerns raised by the submitter will be addressed in a letter.</p>
73	River Engineering		<p>A 10 year forward work programme is estimated and budgeted for as part of the LTP process and then revisited annually to calibrate the work programme with changed priorities. As a result of this process various amendments are sought to the river rating districts.</p>		<p>That the comments be noted with the recommendation that the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan is amended accordingly to address these changes in rating requests, apart from the request for the Lower Waitaki River.</p> <p>Finance will provide the detail.</p>

RATES

Twenty five responses were received in relation to rates. Most were pleased that the rates increase was not too high with submitters calling for it to reflect CPI. Several respondents commented they would pay increased rates if they felt that more environmental benefit was being delivered.

There was a request for consideration of hardship for Kaikōura residents post earthquake.

Comments include

- I wouldn't mind paying more if monitoring of industrial commercial and agricultural business were monitored more frequently and without prior warning
- Would support increases if I could see great environmental outcomes.
- Would accept higher increase if we could achieve more sustainable transport and cleaner environment.

#	NAME	SUPPORT	DO NOT SUPPORT	COMMENT	WISH TO BE HEARD	RATES IMPACT	OFFICERS EVALUATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
1	John B Shaw			Ok with a rates increase			
2	Ted Howard			Residents in Kaikoura and Hurunui are facing a substantial drop in income with associated increase in stress. Can there be some explicit mechanism for rate reduction, for those affected by earthquake, which is reasonably easy for genuine hardship to access.		*	Kaikoura and Hurunui have remission policies which Environment Canterbury support. Residents should contact their local Council for support.
3	Suzanne Blackstock			I wouldn't mind paying more if monitoring of industrial commercial and agricultural business were monitored more frequently and without prior warning. All for it if my extra payment goes to enforcing site management plans.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
4	Mark Penrice			Comfortable with rates increase as long as it isn't spent on making my life worse by negatively affecting mountain biking.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
6	Andrew McKay		*	Rates increases are too high. 2.94 is way above inflation and is rejected. Limit increases to inflation only.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
7	R M Loader			Work within a set budget once you have prioritised work. While some rates may rise I ask you to keep it to the rate of the published cost of living increase. My pension is to rise 1.34 % this year.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
11	S M McNeill			There is a statement/inference that the regional general and targeted rate differentiation (pg. 83) Christchurch			Work is being completed on better displaying geographic rating for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan

				<p>ratepayers pay 53.26% of all rates. This is somewhat inaccurate. Using data in annual plan CH ratepayers contribute 53.26% of general rate but 60.66% of uniform rate and 72.7% of all targeted rates. .</p> <p>It is worth noting in the Controller & Auditor General report – Consulting the community about local authorities 10 year plans – pg. 37 clause 3.99 the need to assess the effects and value of local authority spending and that the rates burden is equitable and seeks to hold local authorities to account not only for their spending but also for how that spending is funded and who pays. Clause 3.126 states the need to discover the \$ amounts of specific rates, the usage and amounts raised by targeted rates and uniform annual charges as well as how activities are funded including the mix of property value rates, uniform charges and fees and charges.</p> <p>These statements highlight the need to establish whether ECan targeted rates for CWMS are equitable & whether usage of the rate take across the district is fair from the perspective of a ratepayer realising value from their payments form a targeted rate. It may be legal but is it fair? Council uses CWMS targeted rate based on properties capital value. There are no identifiable projects of work that are of direct benefit or value for money to the property. Businesses and residents in towns and cities are rated at the same rate as rural areas regardless of the type of business.</p> <p>At the hearing the submitter questioned whether farmers were getting a direct benefit from rates paid. Favour targeted rates over general rates. There is insufficient information on where funding was being allocated.</p>			
12	Diane Cowan			Would support increases if I could see great environmental outcomes. Commissioners have helped take us back to the cave . A lot of money is going down the toilet.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
27	Susan Adams			Great			
28	Nick Sinclair			Fine as long as we get a purpose built stadium			The stadium is not an Environment Canterbury project
16	Ants Field			Sounds good			
18	John Richardson			Increase is higher than inflation and unacceptable			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
19	Ollie Clifton			Would support ECan charging more rates and doing more to enhance the environment. Climate change will require radical change and that will cost \$\$\$			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

35	John Burrows			Why would my rates be increased? I don't get rubbish removal, water reticulation, sewage, roading that is poor and getting worse.		Rubbish removal, water reticulation, sewage, roading are not Environment Canterbury services.
37	Lisa Beardsley			Would be comfortable with larger increase if the money was focused on better water management and protecting environment.		Environment Canterbury is very focused on better water management and protecting the environment.
42	Jean Soper			Pleased increase is not as high as expected but would like to see people come before profits and our environment and wellbeing is looked after and our amenity values not degraded.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
44	Jennifer Rankin			Would accept higher increase if we could achieve more sustainable transport and cleaner environment.		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan
46	Gregory Byrnes			Will pay more for community good		
25	Kyle			As long as rates go towards addressing issues raised in my submission then people will be happy.		
53	Jane Henwood			We can manage the 4% increase there should however be some form of allowance to longer term resident struggling with rebuild. Would pay higher rates to ensure appropriate attention to restoration of water in region and habitat restoration.		The increase was proposed to be 2.94% on average. The CWMS programme is focused on water in region and habitat restoration.
55	Marianne Boekhoff			Would pay more if it would keep us safe.		
58	Frank Hill			<p>Respect for elected councillors but unelected "dictators" are a disgrace to this region.</p> <p>Ok with proposed rates increase as changes are roughly in line with CPI.</p> <p>Should be greater use of targeted and user pay rates.</p> <p>Note a decrease in consent and compliance funding tis I surprising since Forest & Bird have highlighted ECan as weakest Council in enforcing rules. This spending should be stepped up.</p> <p>Increase in regional leadership spending could be removed if ECan stopped funding Canterbury Mayoral Forum until the forum supports democratically elected council.</p> <p>Should reverse the move to increase urban rates at a greater rate than rural charges.</p> <p>Plunder of rates to fund CWMS initiatives that take place in rural communities – charge the polluters.</p>		<p>Additional resourcing is being provided in compliance.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury rates are aligned with the five rating principles. These principles are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Affordability -Attribution of costs to the beneficiary -Financial prudence and sustainability -Strategic alignment -Transparency and accountability of funding activities separately
60	Denis O Connor			ECan needs to be fully elected rather than present mix. No taxation without representation.		Environment Canterbury will be undertaking a representation view before the next election to determine with the community what representation the community wants.

66	Rosalie J Snoyink			<p>Be more discerning with our rates and how public money is spent.</p> <p>Many in our district opposed to CPW and claim that solution to pollution is dilution. Dilution is not the solution it just moves it elsewhere. Same applies for Managed Aquifer Recharge. No faith it will work for the total catchment. I request my rates do not go towards MAR projects.</p> <p>Recent decision to fund a fence in Flock Hill is imprudent use of public money. Disturbing this decision was taken against ecological advice.</p>			
68	Anonymous			<p>Sometimes I believe there is little efficiency within council. Council are not being honest with ratepayers if they seek an annual increase of rates on the premise that costs have and will increase. In effect council is double dipping and contributing to spiral of increasing costs.</p>			<p>Environment Canterbury has delivered an Annual Plan which has total rates \$3.5m lower than what was proposed in the 2015-25 Long Term Plan.</p>

OTHER

Two responses were received on topics that did not sit within the nine key areas. They included a response from Combined Canterbury Provinces Federated Farmers of NZ on the cost of delivering community benefit and a comment on Environment Canterbury's advertising.

COST OF DELIVERING DIRECT ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT BY FARMERS

#	NAME	SUPPORT	DO NOT SUPPORT	COMMENT	WISH TO BE HEARD	RATES IMPACT	OFFICERS EVALUATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
57	Combined Canterbury Provinces Federated Farmers of NZ			Consideration needs to be given to how the cost of activities by farmers designed to deliver direct environmental benefit should be funded. This would include the use of irrigation scheme resources to maintain flows in waterways etc. e.g. Eifflerton Community Group Irrigation Scheme augmentation of drain networks in the district. Activity provides direct benefit to community. A case can be made that the cost of this should be contributed by the wider community and therefore should be budgeted by the regional council.	*		That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan. Consideration is to be given through the 2018-28 LTP development to how rating costs can be best apportioned to those who cause effects and those who benefit from them.

ADVERTISING

#	NAME	SUPPORT	DO NOT SUPPORT	COMMENT	WISH TO BE HEARD	RATES IMPACT	OFFICERS EVALUATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
13	Val Clemens			Have seen an article on local farm couple and their wetland restoration several (4) times with same photo in Ashburton ZC newsletter. Applaud work but more useful ways to spend money.			That the comments be noted with the recommendation that there is no change to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

LTP COMMENTS

People were asked to mention key hot topics that they would like to be considered in the LTP planning process. These are all listed in the summary feedback but consistent themes include:

- Addressing climate change
- Addressing water quality and quantity issues.
- Public Transport - including investigation of rail options.
- Hazards management
- Addressing land intensification issue

#	NAME	SUPPORT	DO NOT SUPPORT	COMMENT	WISH TO BE HEARD	RATES IMPACT	OFFICERS EVALUATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
1	John B Shaw			Do not be so prodigal with the roading. Stavelly St is much too wide.			
2	Ted Howard			Quake induced flood hazard and biodiversity and biosecurity response required in Kaikoura and Hurunui. Early investment could result in significant risk reduction longer term.			
3	Suzanne Blackstock			Water first and foremost. Limit intensive agricultural activity – nitrate leaching. Consent and compliance monitoring gravel extraction to be from rivers only. Happy for councillors to contact me.			
4	Mark Penrice			Would love ECan to focus on developing mountain biking in Canterbury			
5	Stewart			Use of term water quality initiatives is not adequate. Should be water quality improvement initiatives. Initiatives could result in degrade water quality without improving. Could mean a current polluted status is maintained. Nowhere in the LTP is there an objective to improve the water quality even though it states that water and its management is the biggest challenge. There is a mention of improving water management but not quality. Monitoring of water quality has gone on for a number of years so there is no reason why better effort to improve water quality could not be included. A review of water			

				quality monitoring for contact recreation shows a lot of sites have poor quality water and few have improved quality over the past 4 years. This shows there is no justification to remove improve from the objectives.			
6	Andrew McKay			Return regional democracy Prevent rates increase above inflation Prosecute rule breakers Protect the environment and stop degradation Polluter must pay for clean up			
10	Dave King			Reduce amount of water that can be extracted – this is not sustainable. Coordinate better on regional transport. More enforcement for polluters. Bring back democratically elected council.			
11	S M McNeill			The LTP needs to provide a level of detail to enable reader to fully understand what is proposed for delivery for each portfolio – benefits, delivery mechanisms, timing, funding			
12	Diane Cowan			Climate change – get in front of the problem. Take the lead and initiative View – Salt of the Earth – Sebastiao Salgado and Wasted – Jeremy Irons. Need a war on plastics – promote use of cardboard and recyclable packaging.			
26	Martin Pfaff			Climate change- rainwater harvesting and use Greywater recycling Stormwater attenuation Nitrate levels and monitoring into our streams especially in industrial areas. At hearing noted more infrastructure is required for storm water.			
27	Susan Adams			Water management Health of rivers			
28	Nick Sinclair			Polluted Rivers			
30	Anthony Light			Dairy Intensification, Irrigation, Waterways, environmental restoration and water quality trends all need to improve. Long term environmental quality data needs to be made available showing trends for the above and into the future. Would like ambitions but attainable environmental goals.			
16	Ants Field			Climate Change Plan ahead and reduce carbon emissions Build more cycle lanes and cycle paths for safe cycling.			
18	John Richardson			Fully elected regional council Improved PT networks including commuter rail			

				Improvements to urban drainage including sustainable urban drainage systems Less reliance on cosmetic consultative action and more action Meaningful controls on intensification of agriculture Effective controls on irrigation expansion Better recognition and application of polluter pays principle.			
19	Ollie Clifton			Climate Change			
21	Rachel Westaway			PT Water Quality			
34	John Burrows			Irrigation dams must be built below ground. We live in a seismic area and above ground dams are asking for trouble. Quarry consent applications must include a minimum setback of 500 metres from person or livestock. Monitoring & testing stations must be located within 500 metre boundary and resulting dust should result in shut down. People working in the quarry should be required to wear appropriate safety gear.			
36	Taz Mukorombindo			As long as it lines up and is reasonable with other rates increases proposed by the Council and the burden on rate payers.			
37	Lisa Beardsley			Use and abuse of water Greater rigour in dealing with polluters Air Quality – impact of vehicles Protection of natural environment PT that gets cars off roads.			
38	Geoff R Clark			Cleaning up Lake Forsyth Reducing underground water take to raise ground water levels Allowing flood waters from the Waimak to flood into forestry to water trees and capture silt Take over shingle pit opposite Men's' prison, flood it with water and use it as a recreation area. Use water crushed concrete instead of shingle for roading or stop banks.			
39	S Burnett			Fresh water- make preserving and protecting our freshwater lakes the highest priority. Get some leadership on this issue			
41	Wendy Murray			Water Quality is our hot topic. ECan must insist on swimmable rivers in the shortest possible time.			
42	Jean Soper			Water & Air over use of Fertiliser			
44	Jennifer Rankin			Light Rail Better Bus service			

				More compliance and enforcement officers.			
46	Gregory Byrnes			Public Rail Lyttelton Wellington ferry Service investigation Dairy to dry land Carbon sequestration Coastal dune protection.			
47	Dave Evans			Water Quality and allocation Ecological and biodiversity protection			
25	Kyle			Climate change is top issue. Emissions from all sectors need to be monitored Stricter testing of drinking water supplies with results published.			
48	Jeremy Robertson			Water Quality			
49	Matt Jackson			Water management and water quality PT- light rail			
50	Penny Wrigght			Fresh water management top priority. Want future generations to enjoy recreational values Canterbury used to offer. Sustainability is more important than growth. No more selling of water rights to foreign investors Address climate change implications Address PT			
53	Jane Henwood			Restoration of rivers and water condition Habitat restoration Walking cycling access Increased engagement with ECan Air quality Increased research			
54	Annette Hamblett			Water quality and quantity Decreasing land intensification Address crisis in indigenous biodiversity and aquatic ecosystems.			
55	Marianne Boekhoff			Clean water Stop dairying Stand up for the environment.			
57	Combined Canterbury Provinces Federated Farmers of NZ			Federated Farmers supports councils that are making progress towards achieving fairness and equity in rating policies. We support ECan objectives that rates are collected for properties that are direct beneficiaries of services where these can be identified and to spread the incidence of rates as fairly as possible to be consistent in charging rates.	*		

				<p>Federated Farmers appreciates the use of targeted rates by the Council for a range of activities which benefit some particular groups more than others.</p> <p>Federated Farmers acknowledges the relatively small increase in opex budgeted for 2017/18 compared with 2016/17 and the small decrease compared with the LTP projection. This is appreciated following several years of expenditure above projections during the life of the 2012/22 LTP.</p> <p>In 2015/25 LTP a cumulative increase in expenditure of 33% was budgeted for the 10 year period. This is above the current rate of inflation. We ask that every effort is made to continue to manage expenditure wisely in the ten years covered by 2018/28 LTP.</p> <p>Federated Farmers also note fees and charges have decreased compared with 2016/17 and compared to LTP projection. This is appreciated.</p>			
68	Anonymous			<p>Factory farming of animals – should there be limits on animals per hectare</p> <p>Reasonable protection from natural disasters</p> <p>Responsible use of water</p> <p>Better use of energy from the sun</p> <p>Investment in infrastructure to meet community needs – limit growth from immigrants or make them contribute</p> <p>More equitable method of funding council activity.</p>			

6. Extraordinary And Urgent Business

7. Notices Of Motion

8. Questions

9. Next Meeting

10. Closing Karakia